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Related subject: Bowling and Barkerend

I am writing to you on behalf of the concerned residents and community members of Bowling, with a proposal to establish separate voting areas for Bowling and Barkerend. We believe that creating distinct voting precincts for these two areas will significantly improve the democratic process, enhance accessibility, and foster a sense of community representation for the residents of both localities.

Justification for Separate Voting Areas:

Geographical Distinction: Bowling and Barkerend are separate neighborhoods with unique characteristics and needs. By creating separate voting areas, residents will have the opportunity to elect representatives who are more familiar with their specific concerns, local issues, and aspirations. This will enhance community representation and ensure that the interests of both areas are adequately addressed.

Accessibility and Convenience: Currently, residents of Bowling face considerable challenges in exercising their voting rights due to the distance they must travel to reach the polling stations in Barkerend. Establishing a separate voting area in Bowling would significantly improve accessibility, making it easier for residents, particularly those with limited mobility or transportation options, to participate in the democratic process. This would encourage higher voter turnout and promote inclusivity.

Community Cohesion: Separating the voting areas for Bowling and Barkerend will strengthen the sense of community within each locality. It will enable residents to engage more directly with local issues, fostering greater involvement and participation in civic matters. By having their own

designated voting area, residents will have a platform to voice their concerns, collaborate, and build stronger ties within their own neighborhood, ultimately leading to a more cohesive and vibrant community.

Implementation Plan:

Conduct a Community Needs Assessment: Engage with residents, community organizations, and relevant stakeholders to assess the demand and feasibility of establishing a separate voting area for Bowling. Gather input and feedback to ensure that the proposed change aligns with the aspirations and expectations of the local population.

Identify Suitable Locations: Collaborate with local authorities, community leaders, and urban planning experts to identify appropriate locations within Bowling that can serve as voting precincts. Consider factors such as accessibility, proximity to public transportation, parking facilities, and compliance with legal requirements for voting stations.

Establish Polling Stations: Allocate resources to set up designated polling stations in Bowling, equipped with the necessary infrastructure, voting machines, and trained staff to conduct fair and secure elections. Ensure compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements related to polling stations.

Public Awareness and Education: Develop a comprehensive communication plan to inform residents about the establishment of separate voting areas and educate them on the voting process, registration requirements, and the benefits of active civic participation. Utilize multiple channels, such as community meetings, mailings, social media, and local media outlets, to disseminate information effectively.

Attached Documents:

None attached