

MEMORANDUM



TO: MEMBERS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION
FROM: CORTNEY HANSON, CITY CLERK
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL PRECINCT CHANGES NEEDED
DATE: APRIL 14, 2022

On April 13, 2022, the Oakland County Elections Division brought to my attention that we should not have precincts with two Congressional Districts like we approved in Precincts 11 and 14. I was prepared to handle the split precincts in terms of issuing absentee and precinct ballots; however, they pointed out the issues it would cause at the County and State level. A Congressional split would affect the election of Precinct Delegates in even-year elections and reporting in Presidential Primary Elections. The County strongly urged the Election Commission and City Council approve changes to align the precinct boundaries with the Congressional District boundaries to avoid these conflicts.

Under MCL 168.661(3), the original deadline to finalize precinct boundaries for the 2022 election cycle was April 4, 2022. However, there is a clause within that statute which allows a later date: *"The secretary of state may authorize, upon written request by a city or township election commission, a later division of a precinct which contains portions of more than 1 elective district."* I spoke with Joe Rozell, Oakland County Director of Elections, who explained that he has spoken to the Secretary of State's Office. They support these changes and would expeditiously approve a request to extend the deadline to May 4, 2022.

If the Election Commission authorizes me to send a letter to the Secretary of State, the following things will have to occur:

1. I will send a letter to the Secretary of State by Tuesday, April 19, 2022. A draft letter is included in the packet material.
2. Once authorization is received from the Secretary of State, I will schedule an Election Commission meeting no later than Thursday, April 21, 2022 to discuss and approve the necessary precinct boundary changes.
3. City Council will be presented with the proposed changes at their regular meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022.
4. Once approved, the changes would be provided to the Bureau of Elections to implement in the Qualified Voter File.
5. New voter ID cards will be mailed to all registered voters by the end of June.



April 18, 2022

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Dear Secretary of State Benson:

It has come to my attention that the precincts in our City which contain two Congressional Districts will have an unintended ripple effect at the County and State levels. Specifically, it would affect the election of Precinct Delegates in even-year elections as well as reporting in Presidential Primary Elections.

The Election Commission of the City of Novi respectfully requests the Secretary of State to authorize a later division of two precincts which contains portions of more than one elective district, under MCL 168.661(3).

Yours Truly,

Cortney Hanson, MMC, MiPMC II
City Clerk and Election Commission Chair

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MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.661 Precincts using voting machines; number of machines; division or rearrangement of precincts; notices; expenses; use of paper ballots; time limitations on division of precincts; division of precincts following federal census; determining number of registered voters.

Sec. 661. (1) When the voter registration in a precinct using voting machines is 1,000 or less, there shall be not less than 1 voting machine for each 500 active registered electors at the general November election and at the primary immediately preceding that election. When the voter registration in a precinct using voting machines is more than 1,000 and less than 3,000, there shall be at least 1 voting machine for each 600 active registered electors at the general November election and at the primary immediately preceding that election. At other primaries and elections, the number of voting machines shall be at the discretion of the local election commission. In making this determination, the local election commission shall take into consideration the number of choices the voter must make, the percentage of registered voters who voted at the last similar election in the jurisdiction, and the intensity of the interest of the electors in the jurisdiction concerning the candidates and proposals to be voted upon. When the voter registration in a precinct using voting machines exceeds 2,999, the precinct shall be divided or rearranged.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), city and township election commissions shall divide precincts according to law, not later than 210 days before the primary next preceding the general November election, and shall immediately notify the county clerk of the number of registered voters in each precinct in the city or township. The county clerk shall notify the secretary of state not later than 200 days before the primary of a precinct in the clerk's county which has not been divided according to law, and the secretary of state shall proceed to make divisions as are necessary at the expense of the city or township involved, not later than 180 days before the primary next preceding the general November election. If the election commission of a city, village, or township using voting machines decides to use paper ballots for a primary or election, the preceding limitations shall continue for that election. A division of precincts shall be made effective not later than 180 days before the primary election next preceding the general November election.

(3) In the second year following each federal census, precincts shall be divided pursuant to this subsection. City and township election commissions shall divide precincts, not later than 120 days before the primary election next preceding the general November election in order that a precinct, as far as is practical, is not split between districts and does not exceed 2,999 registered voters, and shall immediately notify the county clerk of the number of registered voters in each precinct in each city or township. The county clerk shall notify the secretary of state not later than 110 days before the primary of any precincts in the county which have not been divided, and the secretary of state shall proceed to make the divisions as are necessary, at the expense of the city or township involved, not later than 90 days before the primary election next preceding the general November election. The division of precincts shall be made effective not later than 90 days before the primary election. **The secretary of state may authorize, upon written request by a city or township election commission, a later division of a precinct which contains portions of more than 1 elective district. All precinct divisions shall be completed not later than 90 days before the primary election next preceding the general November election.** In determining the number of registered voters for a precinct under this subsection, a city or township election commission or the secretary of state, as applicable, may use either of the following:

(a) Only the active registered voters for that city or township.

(b) Both the active registered voters for that city or township and the voters in the inactive voter file for that city or township.


History: 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;—Am. 1955, Act 271, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1955;—Am. 1964, Act 212, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1964;—Am. 1975, Act 325, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1976;—Am. 1977, Act 236, Imd. Eff. Nov. 30, 1977;—Am. 1982, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Jan. 27, 1982;—Am. 2012, Act 270, Eff. Aug. 15, 2012.

Popular name: Election Code

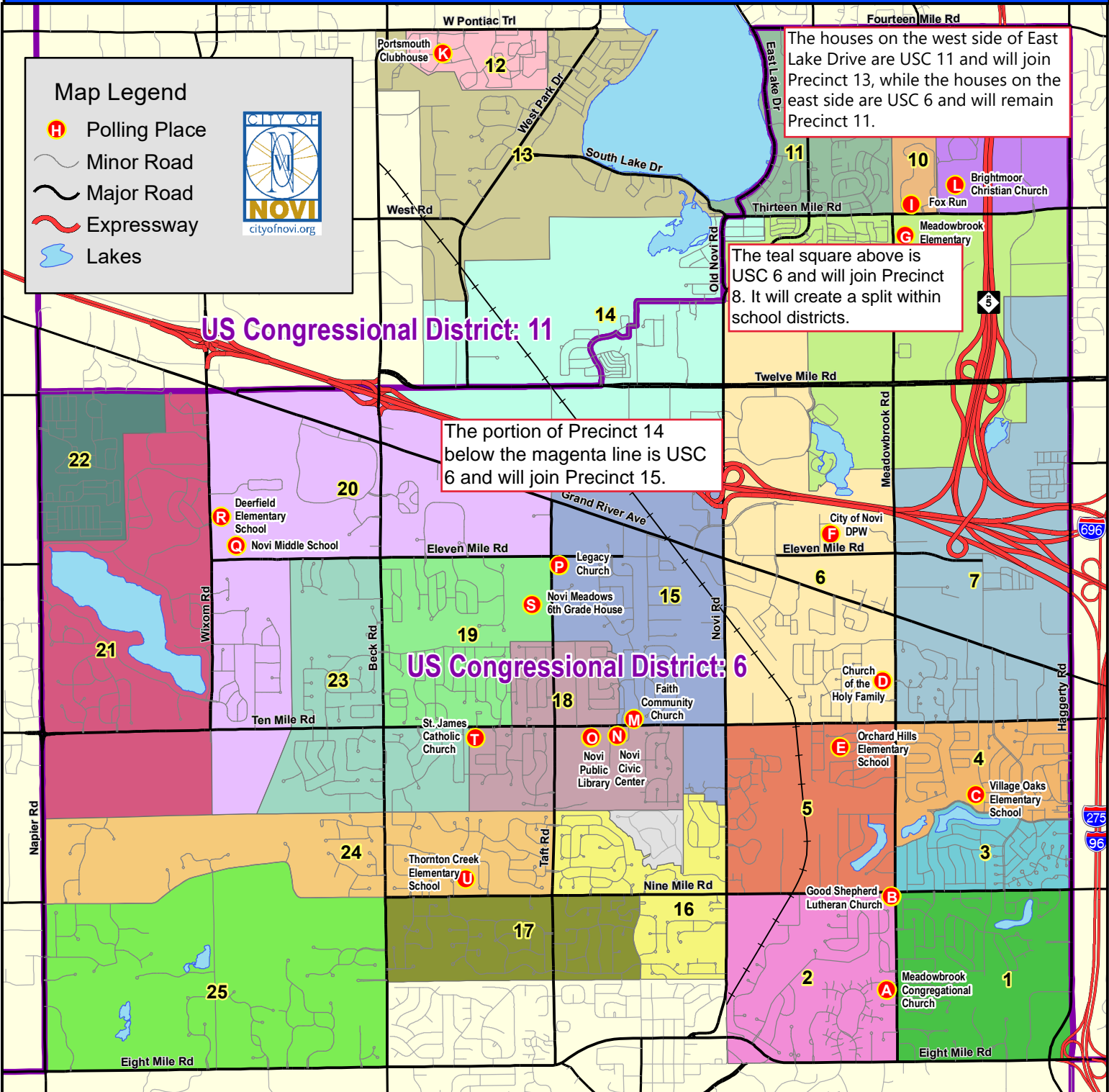
CITY OF NOVI VOTING PRECINCTS & 2022 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Map Legend

- Polling Place
- Minor Road
- Major Road
- Expressway
- Lakes



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The houses on the west side of East Lake Drive are USC 11 and will join Precinct 13, while the houses on the east side are USC 6 and will remain Precinct 11.

The teal square above is USC 6 and will join Precinct 8. It will create a split within school districts.

The portion of Precinct 14 below the magenta line is USC 6 and will join Precinct 15.

US Congressional District: 6

US Congressional District: 11

Polling Location Details

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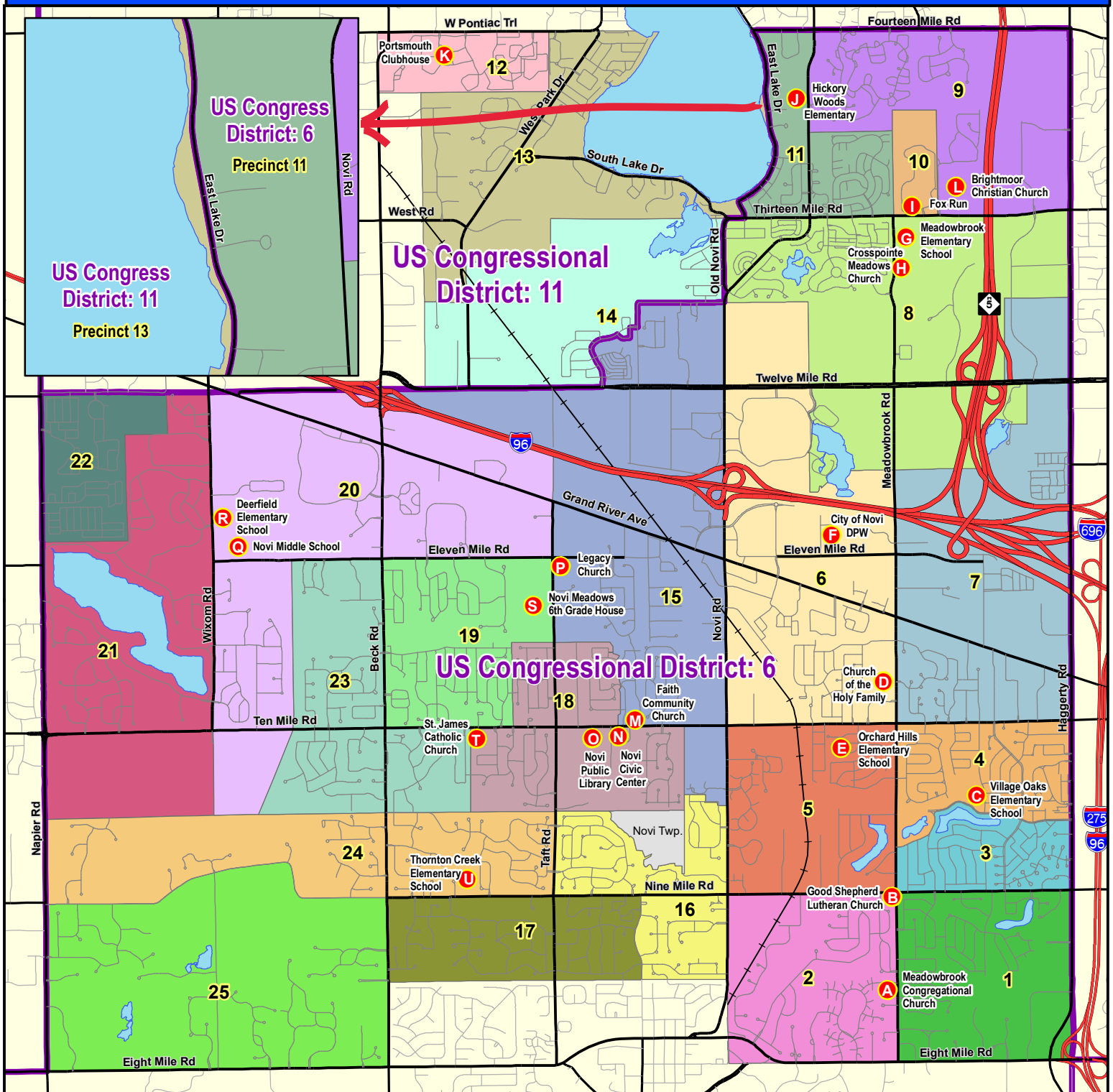


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