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TESTIMONY TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL

Resolution Supporting the Establishment of an Additional Early Voting Center in the County

POSITION: Support

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The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County supports the establishment of a fourteenth early voting center at the Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center. The League backs measures that make it easy for people to vote so they can exercise their most basic right.

The establishment of Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center as an additional early voting center makes it more convenient for the residents of the surrounding area to vote during the seven-day period of early voting. It is centrally located in a high-density area that has become more diverse and is accessible by public transit. Furthermore, it is located in an area that showed higher than average wait times at some precincts on the General Election Day in 2018.

Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center was one of the early voting locations we recommended in our statement to the Montgomery County Board of Elections on September 16, 2021. We understand the council must approve the establishment of and funding for the fourteenth early voting center in order for the State Board of Elections to consider and approve its establishment.

We strongly support the establishment of the Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center as the fourteenth early voting center in Montgomery County.