

My email:

Normally I do not email my elected officials, especially the entire city council, the county commission, the school board, the mayor, the city clerk and the county auditor all at once, but I did a recent post about the 'musical precincts' this city continues to play with elections and the mass confusion it has on voters. It's time you all sat down in a room and figured out a standard already, this has gone on long enough!

<http://www.southdacola.com/blog/2012/06/why-are-the-residents-of-sf-being-used-as-election-guinea-pigs/>

Scott L. Ehrisman
southdacola.com

Replies to standardizing voting precincts;

Mr. Ehrisman;

Your comments are very similiar to mine made back in January. Polling centers should be at the same level as your house of worship - in the same place every time. For many people in the core of town the only means to get to a polling center is by walking, moving and combining the centers removes the ability to vote from some of our citizens.

I support covering the increase costs of keeping all the polling places consistent for all elections. Now to get everyone else on board.

Sincerely,
Dean Karsky

Scott,
Good points and it looks like more confusion ahead.
Come to a county commission meeting and discuss it with us.

Jeff Barth

Scott
Thank you for your comments. I am also concerned about the confusion to the

voters. However this item completely in the hands of the County Auditor who, like myself, is an elected official. I encourage you to continue to watch, as a citizen, this issue and voice your opinion on it.

Dick Kelly

Dear Scott,

I am glad that you sent this email out to elected officials. I will bring the voting issue up at the June 12th City Council informational meeting. Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely,

Kermit

Scott ... Thanks for the note. I agree, voting confusion is not good. The thought behind the super precincts -- voting would be easier and more convenient for citizens resulting in a larger voter turn- out. I think the super precinct idea could work, however:

1. We cannot continue changing back and forth. To make it successful the school board, county, city and state must agree. Until we all agree, we should continue to use the old way.

2. If all the governments do agree to change, we need to re-evaluate the locations of the super precincts. We cannot use high schools (too much traffic and possible conflicts with school events), there must be adequate parking, and it must be easy for all the voters to get to.

3. If a change is made, a significant public information campaign must take place. The citizens must be informed.

City Councilors have discussed this, and we will again soon.

Jim Entenman
