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WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI
CLERK/REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Re: Polling Place Request

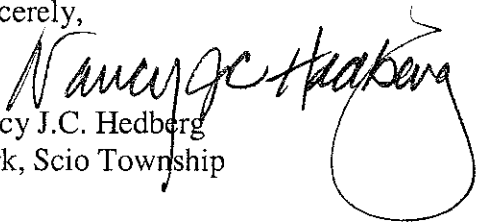
Dear Mr. Puuri:

I have received your letter of May 14th in response to Scio Township's request to continue using the Washtenaw County Road Commission administration building as a polling location for the upcoming August Primary and November General Elections.

However, after several years of using your facilities, we are surprised at the Commission's apparent change of heart, whereby one government entity will no longer extend the courtesy of allowing their public building to be used for a civic purpose without charging a cost. A Church can do it; WISD can do it. To function as a polling place, we simply need access to the Lobby and Board Room at 6 a.m. and until polls close when elections inspectors have processed all the data for the day. Frankly, Scio Township continuously lends its meeting rooms for public purposes, including road related purposes, and we even trust the users by giving them a key with the expectation that they will clean up after themselves. And they always do.

Scio Township has never paid for a space to house a polling location and, from a civic point of view, there seem to be plenty of other civic-minded entities that are willing to serve the public that we don't need to start down that path with the Road Commission, whose attitude is disappointing at best.

Sincerely,


Nancy J.C. Hedberg
Clerk, Scio Township

Cc: Mr. David E. Rutledge, WCRC
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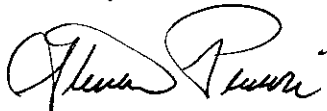
Dear Nancy,

I am in receipt of your request to use our Road Commission Administration Building as a polling location for the August Primary and the November General elections this year. Our agency accommodated a similar request from Scio Township in 2008, with some minor business disruption. We are willing to allow our Administration Building to be used for the 2010 elections with the following understanding: that the activities will be confined to the first floor Lobby and Board Room and all costs that the Road Commission incurs outside of our normal business hours shall be covered by the Township.

Based on the 2008 elections, it appears that the cost to the Road Commission for each election has been approximately \$2,000. I would anticipate the costs for the use of our facility should be lower than in 2008, since we are willing to absorb the costs that occur during our normal business hours. Should the township find this arrangement acceptable, we will reserve our Administration Building for the two elections referenced above.

If you have any questions related to this matter, please feel free to contact me directly at 734-327-6650 or via email at puuris@wcroads.org.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Puuri
Managing Director

Cc: J. Harmon
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