



Hon. Michael G. Adams
Chair
Kentucky Board of Elections
140 Walnut Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

February 20th, 2023

Dear Secretary Adams,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you to address the issues that the City of Erlanger, and Kenton County residents as a whole, faced during the 2022 elections. The election was a complete mess, with long lines that at times lasted over 3 hours. This was caused by the consolidation of precincts and a reduced number of polling places.

In 2014, the City of Erlanger had a total of 13 precincts and 13 polling locations for 13,607 registered voters. By 2016, there were 14,010 registered voters yet still the same number of precincts and polling locations. However, for the 2022 elections, the City of Erlanger now has 15,807 registered voters and has been consolidated into 6 precincts and 2 polling locations. To make matters worse, one of the polling locations had multiple other precincts from other jurisdictions being forced into the same spot. The St. Barbara Church polling location was overrun, overcrowded, and short-staffed.

I am requesting that we return to 13 precincts with a polling location in as many of those precincts as possible. Additionally, the Erlanger City Building and our firehouse used to be a polling place and has since been discontinued. I am asking that we reopen these locations, as well as any other past used locations. It is clear that Erlanger voters value going to the polls in person on election day. Please restore the voting traditions that we hold so dear, and ensure that the residents of Kenton County have fair and accessible elections.

While we understand that changes to the election plan may not be possible for the upcoming primary, it is crucial that we take action to prevent a repeat of the issues we faced during the last election. All voters deserve equal and convenient access to polling centers, and it is essential to ensure that our election process reflects this. By establishing a polling station at each precinct, we can ensure that all voters have the opportunity to cast their vote in a fair and equitable manner. This is a fundamental right that we must protect for the betterment of our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Fette". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and "F".

Jessica Fette
Mayor
City of Erlanger