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Dear Goochland County Resident:

On or about May 1, 2019, you should have received a letter from the Louisa County Electoral Board which changed your voter assignment from Goochland to Louisa based on the census border that divides the two counties.

I am writing to assure you that you remain a Goochland County citizen and as a taxpayer you will continue to have access to all Goochland County services, including Schools, Fire & Rescue, Sheriff's Department, Animal Protection, Transfer Stations, etc. Your ability to receive all services will not be impacted due to the Electoral Board's decision.

The change recently made by the Electoral Board occurred because the federal census border is not consistent with the tax parcel border between the two jurisdictions. Unfortunately, our tax parcel border with Louisa has been in dispute for over 250 years. We regret the length of time that this dispute has existed and the problems it has caused; however, I can report that the two counties recently outlined a path to bring the census border and tax parcel border into alignment.

The census border can only be revised in conjunction with a federal census. Goochland and Louisa Counties have agreed to submit, for the upcoming 2020 census, census boundaries that match the tax parcel boundaries. It is our understanding that, once accepted and certified, the tax parcel boundaries and the census boundaries will then be in alignment. Unless a legislative solution is identified sooner, the certification is anticipated in calendar year 2021. There will be additional efforts required to fully address the boundary related issues; however, the issue of citizens voting in their respective counties where they pay taxes will be substantially resolved.

Please know that Goochland County takes all concerns regarding this matter seriously. Any specific voting-related questions and concerns can be directed to the County Registrar Ryan Mulligan at (804) 556-5803, or you are welcome to contact my office at (804) 556-5810 for further assistance. We regret the uncertainty and frustration this issue has raised and are committed to resolving the border issues as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

County Administrator