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Subject: Re: [External Sender]EV Location for City of Rowlett

Good afternoon all,

On August 15, 2023, the Rowlett City Council approved an ordinance calling for a special election to fill vacated Place 1. This ordinance listed Rowlett City Hall Annex as the Early Voting and Election Day location.

After approving this ordinance, we were made aware that the County needed an amended ordinance to reflect updated election dates. However, what was not communicated to us is that the voting location would be moved to Freedom Place Church.

The County should have communicated to the City its intentions to change the voting location before doing so.

The Rowlett City Council will not allow voting to occur in any church building. That's not where voting belongs, and especially when the Pastor of this specific church has endorsed a candidate who will be on the ballot in November.

The City Council approved an amended ordinance last night that says voting will occur at the City Hall Annex for early voting.

Please make this correction on the County's end, and going forward, please communicate to the City before making decisions on voting in Rowlett.

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