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June 28, 2019

VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Mark R. Herring  
Office of the Attorney General  
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Richmond, Virginia 23219  
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**Re: Goochland County Electoral Board's Request for an Attorney General's Official Advisory Opinion**

Dear Attorney General Herring:

I am writing on behalf of the Goochland County Board of Supervisors and Goochland citizens to urge an expeditious review of the Goochland County Electoral Board's request for an Attorney General's Official Advisory Opinion submitted June 20, 2019.

As the Electoral Board's letter notes, the border issue between Goochland and Louisa counties has led to the reassignment of over 300 voters from their longstanding voting district and the locality where they pay their taxes. This change is particularly problematic because the upcoming election not only involves state officeholders, but the election of almost all local officials. For this election, when the majority of local offices are on the ballot, it is vitally important that Goochland and Louisa citizens be able to vote for representatives in the locality where they pay their taxes. It is critically important to our citizens that a resolution be reached on this matter.

As such, we respectfully request and urge the Office of the Attorney General to expeditiously review and provide an Attorney General's Official Advisory Opinion for the Electoral Board's request. In addition to this request, the Goochland County Board of Supervisors has requested the assistance of Senator Mark J. Peake (22nd Senate District) and Delegates R. Lee Ware, Jr. (65th House District) and John J. McGuire (56th House District) to have an amended version of Senator Peake's Senate Bill 1102 heard during the July 9th General Assembly Special Session. In light of the significance of the upcoming local elections, we feel pressed to take every possible action to seek a final resolution for our citizens.

Furthermore, Goochland County remains committed to the path that Goochland and Louisa counties outlined, with respect to the 2020 Census, to bring the census border and tax parcel

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border into alignment. Matching census boundaries have been submitted by both counties and are awaiting acceptance and certification.

We thank you and your staff for your time and your service to the Commonwealth, Goochland, and our citizens.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manuel Alvarez, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Manuel Alvarez, Jr.

Chair

Goochland County Board of Supervisors

c: Jan L. Proctor, Opinions Counsel, Office of the Attorney General  
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