



# City of Smyrna

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## Issue Sheet

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**WARD / COUNCILMEMBER:** Ward 5 / Councilmember Susan Wilkinson

### **\$ IMPACT:**

#### **Agenda Title:**

Approval to change the location of the polling place for Smyrna 5A (SN5A) from Belmont Hills Elementary School, 605 Glendale Place, Smyrna GA 30080 to Iglesia Pentecostal de JesuCristo Roca de Salvacion, 2720 South Cobb Drive SE, Smyrna, GA 30080.

### **ISSUE AND BACKGROUND:**

The Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration made the recommendation to change the location of the polling place for Smyrna 5A (SN5A) at Belmont Hills Elementary School, located at 605 Glendale Place, Smyrna, Ga 30080, due to escalating security concerns and associated costs as well as difficulty securing polling rooms with suitable voter access when students are on site. The Elections staff recommends that polling locations be moved out of schools wherever possible. Iglesia Pentecostal de Jesucristo Roca de Salvacion is .3 miles from the existing polling place, and will adequately serve the 4,070 active registered voters.

This change was effective January 14, 2020 after approval by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners at the January 13, 2020 Commission Meeting. The Board of Elections and Registration held a public hearing on January 13, 2020 to hear objections to this change. This change was properly noticed once a week for two consecutive weeks in the legal organ prior to being adopted on January 13, 2020.

Voters will be notified prior to the next election. Notification of this change will include sending new precinct cards to all affected registered voters in the Smyrna 5A (SN5A) precinct, posting signs at and near the old polling location at the first effective election, providing information on the Cobb Elections website, among other notification techniques.

**RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION:** Staff recommends approval to change the polling location Smyrna 5A (SN5A) precinct from Belmont Hills Elementary School, 605 Glendale Place, Smyrna GA 30080 to Iglesia Pentecostal de JesuCristo Roca de Salvacion, 2720 South Cobb Drive SE, Smyrna, GA 30080.

