

July 7, 2021

To: Dr. Woodrow Wilson, Parish Administrator

From: Dale L. Sibley, Registrar of Voters

RE: Review of Library sites for Early Voting

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We have completed our initial review of the two (2) proposed sites in conjunction with Mr. John Tuggle and his staff.

As noted previously, an outline of the basic requirements for a site to be considered was delivered to them for their review and analysis. While focusing upon the sites specified by the Commission, they were asked to generally apply the criteria to other Library sites as well. Applying the basic criteria to all full time sites, their conclusion was that the South Shreveport/Hamilton branch was most conducive to our needs, with the North Market branch less so primarily because of the layout and lack of contiguous space to allow for the efficient movement of voters and workers.

A physical walkthrough of the South Shreveport branch by our staff confirmed that the Library and adjacent parking lots can adequately accommodate a voting area and worker areas and allow for an efficient flow of voters. It appears capable of meeting the technical requirements needed for communication between the site and Baton Rouge, although the State IT personnel will evaluate that aspect.

Therefore, I can report that it appears the South Shreveport branch is most viable of the two (2) sites presented. Any other sites would prove problematic and unworkable for our purposes. I must note however a major concern is the lack of backup power at all library sites. I do not believe we can support consideration of any site that does not have backup power supply. If a decision is made to utilize this particular site, a major consideration/cost would be establishment of a backup power supply to ensure no disruption in the voting process.

Once a site is agreed upon, there are still many steps to be taken. I will defer to the Commission to decide if it wants to move forward with this site in consideration or another. In any event, the process requires a focus on a particular site in order to be in operation by the 2022 election cycle (early vote begins March 11 and October 25) assuming all requirements can be met.

