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In favor of HB 509 – St. Board of Elections-Municipal Elections – Publication of Results on Website

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Ways and Means Committee
State House, 100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Maryland House of Delegates - Ways and Means Committee

Dear Chair Vanessa E. Atterbeary and Vice-Chair Jheanelle K. Wilkins, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

I write in support of a favorable report of HB 509 which requires the State Board of Elections to maintain a portal on its website through which municipalities submit election results; requiring the State Board to publish municipal election results on its website; and generally relating to the publication of municipal election results by the State Board of Elections.

I really appreciate your time in reading my support for HB 509. Continuing Maryland's tradition of fair elections and positive reputation for transparency in the election process is ever more important today.

In light of the diminished presence of local newspapers and hyper-local news coverage it is critical that we provide citizens with a centralized location in which to easily access timely and accurate information.

I have served as an elected or appointed state, county, and municipal leader since 1978. I served as the Mayor of Westminster from 2001-2005 and have returned as a Westminster Common Councilmember in 1999. In addition I have written history for local and national publications since 2004. I also serve as the assistant secretary of the Carroll County NAACP. It is with this background and experience which leads me to conclude that the timing is perfect for the 445th Maryland General Assembly to take another step in ensuring the public that we are committed to fair and transparent elections.

Thank you again for your time in reading my support for HB 509. I would like to thank the Chair, Vice-Chair, and the Honorable Members of the Committee for consideration of this written testimony, and look forward to a favorable report regarding HB 509.

Very truly yours,



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