

MOTION

NO. M-25-460

CITY HALL: August 21, 2025

BY: COUNCILMEMBER GIARRUSSO

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute § 18:534B(1) provides that once a polling place has been established, its location shall not be changed from the date when qualifying period opens until after the date of the general election, “unless the polling place becomes unavailable due to an emergency caused by an act of God or when privately owned property being used as a polling place becomes unavailable through no fault of the governing authority”; and

WHEREAS, the earliest qualifying period for the October 11, 2025 open primary/Orleans municipal parochial primary election began on July 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Paul L. Dunbar Charter School (9330 Forshey St.) serves as the polling place for the following wards/precincts: 17/15 and 17/16; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of Criminal District Court, as the Elections Division Supervisor, received numerous communications from voters stating the distance to Paul L. Dunbar Charter School is too far and dangerous; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Commissioner of Elections confirmed on August 13, 2025 that these concerns constitute an emergency polling location change, rendering this site unavailable to serve as a polling place through no fault of the governing authority, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute § 18:534B(1); and

WHEREAS, confirmation that the Paul L. Dunbar Charter School at 9330 Forshey Street is unavailable to serve as a polling place is documented in a communication dated August 20, 2025

from the office of Darren P. Lombard, Clerk of Criminal District Court requesting to change the polling place to Life Transformation Community Center – LTCC at 8606 Marks Street; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the following polling location change shall be established as the official polling place for the specified precincts within the Parish of Orleans for the upcoming October 11, 2025 open primary/Orleans municipal parochial primary election:

<u>Ward/ Precinct:</u>	<u>Original Site:</u>	<u>New Temporary Site:</u>
17/15	Paul L. Dunbar Charter School 9330 Forshey St.	Life Transformation Community Center 8606 Marks St.
17/16	Paul L. Dunbar Charter School 819 Austerlitz St.	Life Transformation Community Center 8606 Marks St.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, That the Clerk of Council shall immediately provide a certified copy of this motion to the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Secretary of State, the Clerk of Criminal District Court of Orleans Parish, the City Attorney, and the Registrar of Voters for Orleans Parish for their further handling.

THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.