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BOARD MATTER

SUPERVISOR CATHERINE M. HUDGINS HUNTER MILL DISTRICT

February 27, 2007

Small Tax District 5

In March 1975, the Board of Supervisors created Small District No. 5 (SD5). It was located wholly within what was then the Centreville District. Its purpose was to acquire, construct, maintain or operate a community center within the district. The Reston Community Center is funded by property tax receipts from Small District 5.

Currently, after three reapportionments, the greatest land mass within the SD5 is now located in the Hunter Mill District; however, small portions are also located within Dranesville and Sully Districts.

On September 12, 2005 on Supervisor Frey's motion the Board of Supervisors requested staff to review the boundaries of SD5 and to provide options for persons who would like to be removed from it. A response from the County Attorney's office to Mr. Frey indicates that under Virginia Code Section 15.2-858 the Board has the authority by the adoption of an ordinance, after conducting a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, to contract the boundaries of Small Tax District No. 5.

In December 2005, The Reston Community Center (RCC) board voted 4-4, on the issue of redrawing the boundaries of Small District 5 to included only areas in the Reston Master Plan. In February 2006, the RCC conducted two public meetings to discuss the possibilities of boundary changes and funding requirements for the Reston Community Center.

The community has expressed through correspondence to my office and the public hearings held by the RCC Board a clear desire for some change in the boundaries. It appears now is the appropriate time to address the original intent of the creation of SD5 by arriving at the most appropriate boundary adjustment. Boundary adjustments will affect some real estate tax bills of SD5 residents and businesses. Therefore any change must be done in a timeframe to coincide with the county's FY2007 notification of the real estate taxes; thus it is necessary to consider this matter immediately.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board direct staff to prepare by March 13, 2006 an advertisement of a proposed ordinance, for public hearing for March 27, 2006, to contract the boundaries of Small District 5, such that the district will be wholly contained within the Hunter Mill District; and further, that an option be provided which will allow consideration of such district to be aligned with the Reston Master Plan.

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