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Anu,

I would like to request the Baldwin County Commission consider declaring an emergency in order to change the polling place from the Belforest Community Center to the Belforest Christian Church. We have been searching for a new location for over a year and just received permission from the Church to use its building. Some of the issues with the current location include: the building was constructed in 1939 as a one-room school house for that community. It is an elevated, wood framed building which requires a handicap ramp for access. There is no parking lot, or parking area, with the exception of the 2 handicap spaces. Voters must park along a busy, narrow, County road and walk along that road in order to access the building – which is extremely dangerous. Some positive aspects of the Church include: non elevated brick building that is adequately heated and cooled, with an area available for inside for waiting in the case of incimate weather – which is not available in the Community Center, paved parking lot with approximately 30 spaces – including 2 handicaps, and additional room for parking in grassy areas, if needed. I received complaints about the Community Center even before I took office in 2019, and we now have a much needed opportunity to change the location – which is located approximately ¼ mile from the current location. It is a change that will provide a much safer environment, not only for the voters and poll workers, but also for the community as a whole. I have personally visited the Church and I am very excited about this opportunity. Please feel free to contact me should you need further information, and thank you all for your consideration!

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