2015-R-11
Affirmation of Support for an on Campus Polling Location

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Yes: 7 No: 5 Abs: 4
Date: 23 October 2015

Vote Necessary: Majority

Intent: To affirm Associated Students of Montana State University's support for an on campus polling location to serve voting precinct 61D, and all precincts within Districts 62 and 63; and to express ASMSU's disapproval of the Gallatin County Commission's recent decision to relocate both voting precincts 62 A and B.

Whereas, the current polling location, Hope Lutheran Church, servicing South Bozeman is unsafe to travel without a vehicle due to South 19th Avenue lacking sidewalks, bike lanes, shoulders, and a bus route; and,

Whereas, polling locations that are inaccessible by alternative transportation only further the problem of low youth voter turnout; and,

Whereas, ASMSU is committed to promoting the land grant mission of a robust political community through encouraging active civic engagement of the MSU student body.

Therefore, let it be resolved: that ASMSU does not support the commission's recent decision to move the voting precincts 62 A and B from Gallatin County Fair Grounds to Hope Lutheran Church.

Let it be further resolved: that ASMSU supports a collaboration between Gallatin County, MSU Administration, and ASMSU to relocate the polling locations serving precinct 61D, and all the precincts within Districts 62 and 63, to Montana State University for the 2016 Primary and General Elections.

Let it be even further resolved: that a copy of this resolution be sent to Charlotte Mills, Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder; Joe Skinner, Steve White, Don Seifert, Gallatin County Commissioners; Dr. Waded Cruzado, President of Montana State University; Dr. Matthew Caires, Dean of Students; Levi Birky, ASMSU President, Troy Carter, Bozeman Daily Chronicle; Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle; and Erin Murdock, MSU Exponent.