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Maureen Scott-Taylor, Chair
Talbot County Democratic Central Committee
204 Sycamore Ave
Easton, Maryland 21601

Dear Ms. Scott-Taylor:

In accordance with Education Article § 3-12A-01, Md. Ann. Code, the boundaries for the seven (7) Talbot County Board of Education election districts are required to be established promptly following each decennial census. The County Council is required to appoint a commission on redistricting to include:

1. Four individuals nominated by each political party that polled at least 15% of the total votes cast at the immediately preceding general election and,
2. One additional individual.

An individual who holds an elective office is not eligible to be appointed to the commission on redistricting.

The statute provides that the redistricting commission is to prepare a redistricting plan for the seven (7) Board of Education election districts. The districts are required to be reasonably compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population and, in accordance with legal principles established by law, ensure that one or more of the election districts encompass residents in which a majority of the voting age population consists of racial minorities. State law also provides how the redistricting plan is to become effective.

In accordance with these requirements, please submit a list of six (6) nominees from the Democratic Central Committee for the Board of Education redistricting commission. Please include a resume for each nominee, together with whatever additional information the nominee may wish the County Council to consider. The Council will select four names from the list to serve on the redistricting commission.

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The redistricting is to take effect for the 2012 election. The timetable for the commission's work is subject to change if (as expected) during this session the General Assembly amends Election Law Article § 8-201 to change the February 14, 2012 date currently set for the Maryland 2012 presidential primary election. This is the current timetable for the redistricting commission's work:


- **December 5, 2011 -- Candidate Filing Deadline** -- 10 weeks or 70 days before the primary election (Election Law Article § 5-303), as currently scheduled February 14, 2012.
- **September 4, 2011 -- Deadline for Redistricting Commission's submission of redistricting plan** -- 90 days before its effective date. The redistricting plan must take effect prior to the candidate filing deadline, December 5, 2011. As stated, if the presidential primary election is moved this date would change, and would be rescheduled to fall 160 days prior to the presidential primary.

Persons appointed to the redistricting commission should be prepared to work within these deadlines. The County Council looks forward to the receipt of six (6) nominees from the Central Committee to move this process forward.

Thank you for your service, and the service of your Central Committee, to the citizens of Talbot County.

Sincerely,

COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY



Dirck K. Bartlett
President

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cc: County Council