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Re: Compliance with Federal Voting Rights Act

Dear Mr. Skillman and Carpentersville Board of Trustees:

Campaign Legal Center is writing to you because we have reason to believe that the Village of Carpentersville's ("Village") use of an at-large system for the election of the Board of Trustees ("Village Board") results in vote dilution of the Village's Latino community by diminishing Latino voters' opportunity to elect candidates of their choice to the Village Board. In particular, after reviewing demographic and electoral information relating to the Village, we think that the electoral scheme currently in use violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10301 ("Section 2"). However, the Village may be able to avoid a challenge to its current at-large election scheme by changing to a system utilizing instant runoff voting (IRV).

The Voting Rights Act was signed into law in 1965 in order to prohibit racial discrimination in voting and to guarantee the rights provided in the Fifteenth