



Chatham County Board of Commissioners  
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## **Notice of Cancellation of August 30, 2017 Voter Qualification Challenge Hearings**

Chatham County, GA – (August 17, 2017) The Chatham County Board of Registrars has canceled the voter qualification challenge hearings previously scheduled to take place at the August 30, 2017, meeting of the Board. Two municipalities – Thunderbolt and Tybee Island – had submitted challenge paperwork regarding the qualifications of 300+ registered voters, questioning those voters’ residence within the city or town limits and seeking to have them disqualified from voting in the upcoming November 2017 municipal elections.

After questions arose about whether the process undertaken for these challenge hearings had complied with Georgia and federal law on voter registration, Board of Registrars members reviewed the challenge paperwork submitted, along with the notice paperwork sent to the challenged voters. With input from the Georgia Secretary of State’s Elections Division, Board members decided to postpone indefinitely the voter challenge / removal hearings until additional guidance can be provided by the Secretary of State’s office regarding compliance with the legal requirements of the Georgia Election Code and the National Voter Registration Act.

Accordingly, voters who received a challenge notice need not appear at the August 30 Board of Registrars meeting. Letters confirming the cancellation of the August 30 challenge hearings are being sent to all 300+ voters who had previously received notices about their qualifications to vote having been challenged. Any voter who received such a notice, commanding them to appear at the Chatham County Board of Registrars on August 30, should consider that notice to be withdrawn and should consider the challenge to the voter’s qualifications to be vacated.

To find out more about the Chatham County Board of Registrars, visit our website at [www.voter.chathamcounty.org](http://www.voter.chathamcounty.org)

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