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Chairman "Rick" Gallot, Jr.
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Of course districts must be redistricted to comply with changes in the 2010 census. Currently all of District 81 is in Jefferson Parish with voters governed by the Jefferson Parish government. If redistricting creates a State Representative district that is partly in Jefferson Parish and partly in Orleans Parish (governed by the City of New Orleans) it would create a district whose voters have different interests because of their different governance. It would also result in voters in Jefferson being represented by someone from New Orleans, or voters in New Orleans being represented by someone from Jefferson Parish. **In either case a significant number of voters would not be represented by someone as familiar with their interests!**

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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