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TO: State and Local Officials Statewide and Persons Expressing Interest in Redistricting Process
FROM: Representative Rick Gallot and Senator Robert W. Kostelka
Co-Chairmen, Joint Committee on Governmental Affairs
DATE: February 4, 2011
SUBJECT: Series of Public Hearings Statewide on Redistricting

The House and Senate Governmental Affairs Committees will jointly hold a series of public hearings to receive the input of citizens relative to the redrawing of Legislative, Congressional, Public Service Commission, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Supreme Court, and Courts of Appeal election districts.

Public hearings will be held around the state as follows:

Thursday, February 17, 2011, 10:00 A.M. -- Fuhrmann Auditorium at the Greater Covington Center, 317 North Jefferson Street, Covington, La.

6:00 P.M. -- Dillard University, Professional Schools and Sciences Building, Georges Auditorium (Room 115), 2601 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La.

Monday, February 21, 2011, 10:00 A.M. -- Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Blvd., Houma, La.

6:00 P.M. -- Baton Rouge Community College, Louisiana Board Room in the Louisiana Building, Baton Rouge, La.

Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 10:00 A.M. -- Lake Charles Civic Center, Buccaneer Room, 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, La.

6:00 P.M. -- Acadiana Center for the Arts, Moncus Theatre, 101 West Vermilion Street, Lafayette, La.

Monday, February 28, 2011, 6:00 P.M. -- La. State Exhibit Museum Auditorium, 3015 Greenwood Road, Shreveport, La.

Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 10:00 A.M. -- Monroe Civic Center, Bayou Room, 401 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway, Monroe, La.

6:00 P.M. -- Alexandria Convention Hall at City Hall, 915 Third Street, Alexandria, La.

The joint committee will show the current district maps for each of the various elected bodies with the new 2010 Census population figures for such districts and discuss which districts no longer meet population guidelines and/or legal requirements.

Citizens and public officials are invited to attend the hearing in their region and give their comments on district lines so that the committees may consider public input as the various plans are drafted and adopted in a special legislative session called for March 20-April 13, 2011.

The public hearings will also be streamed over the Internet (www.legis.state.la.us) for remote live viewing and archived thereafter. Comments and questions concerning districts can be submitted to http://house.louisiana.gov/H_Redistricting2011/ at "Contact Us", to <http://senate.legis.state.la.us/redist2011/> at "Contact Us", or via Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Baton-Rouge-LA/Louisiana-House-of-Representatives-Redistricting/193299176157?v=info>) or Twitter (<http://twitter.com/@hredist2011>) throughout the duration of the process.

Public comments submitted in any format will be taken into consideration as plans are drafted, as well as being made part of the record in a submission of new district lines to the U.S. Department of Justice for approval.

Public input is a vital part of the redistricting process and we hope that you will take the opportunity to participate and encourage your community members to do so as well.