

March 28, 2011

RE: Redistricting
Southern Hills Community
Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana

Dear Representative:

I am writing to object to the redistricting proposal HB1 as amended by Representative Gallot to incorporate Southern Hills into an additional minority district in Caddo Parish. Ours is a large, longstanding, cohesive community with a strong economy and a history of active civic involvement. Numerous business and neighborhood organizations have worked for years to create the unity that is displayed within this community.

Based on the 2010 Census, the population of Caddo Parish does not warrant such a move. Caddo Parish is majority white and the creation of this district would leave Caddo Parish with four minority districts and not one majority white district entirely within the Parish. This does not accurately reflect the demographics of Caddo Parish and represents "gerrymandering" for political purposes.

Our Southern Hills community has little in common with other areas that would make up the majority of the proposed new district. Southern Hills is a closely knit community that has played an active role in the economic, cultural and political development of Shreveport. Inclusion of Southern Hills in a minority district would potentially rob our community of its identity.

I urge you to oppose this redistricting approach HB 1 as amended by Mr. Gallot because it is neither justifiable nor fair. I ask you to do the right thing from your leadership position.

Sincerely,

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