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## STATEMENT PETITIONING THE INCORPORATION OF NEW ORLEANS'S HISTORIC FRENCH QUARTER IN SINGLE DISTRICTS

I submit this statement as President of French Quarter Citizens in support of incorporating the French Quarter in its entirety in single House and Senate Districts. French Quarter Citizens is a community advocacy organization that since 1994 has promoted strengthening residential quality of life and preservation of our historic community, Louisiana's oldest neighborhood.

The French Quarter is a place of unique importance to New Orleans and Louisiana. Its history as a coherent and historic neighborhood, while the being the centerpiece of Louisiana's tourism industry, gives our neighborhood unique and challenging issues that are most usefully appreciated and dealt in a coordinated and comprehensive fashion. Despite our small geographic size, the French Quarter is now broken into two house districts (93 and 96) and two senate districts (3 and 5). This arrangement confuses voters and dilutes the voice of residents and businesses.

We very much appreciate the hard efforts and support of our elected legislators, but French Quarter Citizens believes it is in the best interests of the French Quarter to be represented by one representative and one senator. We believe as well that such an arrangement would best serve the people and State of Louisiana: a single Representative and Senator would better ensure that issues affecting this district so important to the history and economic health of the city and state are brought to the attention of the legislators.

A district encompassing the entire French Quarter would best take into account the following: