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Statement of Calvin Lester
House of Reps / Caddo

From: Tucker, Rep. (District Office)
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 10:00 AM
To: O'Brien, Shawn
Subject: FW: Adding a minority seat in Shreveport/Caddo Parish

From: Calvin Lester [mailto:calvin@calvinlester.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 10:00 AM
To: Tucker, Rep. (District Office); Gallot, Rep. (District Office); larep003@legis.state.la.us; Williams, Rep. (District Office); Burrell, Rep. (District Office)
Subject: Adding a minority seat in Shreveport/Caddo Parish

Speaker Tucker and Chairman Gallot,

Please allow this email to serve as my endorsement of the plan to create another minority/majority State House of Representatives District in Shreveport/Caddo Parish.

I grew up in the affected area, Eden Gardens to be precise. We have had and continue to have good, strong representation in the State House Delegation. Insofar as it is imperative for the numbers of African-American Representatives in the House of Representatives not to regress, your work to create a district is positive development.

As a former, two-term City Councilman in Shreveport, I know how important it is to keep strong voices advocating for those critical policies and agenda items that are important to the community. I also believe that this district is a testament to the growing population numbers in this part of the city and parish.

Again, I thank you for your work and enthusiastically endorse this plan. I only wish that more people were aware of this development during your visit to Shreveport. If so, I'm quite sure you would have even more voices in support on the record.

Sincerely,

Calvin Ben Lester, Jr.
Former Shreveport City Councilman 2002-2010

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