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### The Right Thing to Do: Two Seats at the Table

The 2021 Census revealed that 33% of the population of Louisiana is African American. All the people of our state have the right to representation, to have their voices heard and their votes count. To ensure that we work toward achieving a true democracy of "One Person, One Vote," congressional districts need to be reconfigured so that 1/3 of our 6 districts are majority Black districts. It is time for Louisiana to demonstrate that Black lives, like all lives, do indeed matter. It is time that Black voices be truly heard rather than lumped together in one gerrymandered district that aims to dilute their vote, their rights, and their power.

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