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To: Nicholas Warren

Re: Rural N. Florida voting rights outreach



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To: Lorraine Ausley

Cc: Nicholas Warren

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Thank you so much. Yes, this is local (county commission/school board) redistricting project. The population changes in these smalltown Black communities has been catastrophic, and it'll be very hard to maintain Black-access districts in some of these places that have had one or two Black commissioners/school board members since Voting Rights Act litigation in the '80s. This project is to avoid the worst outcomes and ideally shore up the weakest places, ideally through advocacy at the boards, or through enforcing those old VRA judgments if necessary.

Also looking at Jackson, Suwannee, and Columbia outside District 3, if you have contacts there. Already on the ground in Bradford and attending their county commission meeting in Starke tonight...

The ACLU will not be involved in congressional or legislative redistricting this cycle, but anything I can do personally on it just let me know. Happy to talk or otherwise assist as the process unfolds. Best for that is my personal gmail, cc'd here. My cell is (850) 509-5450 if you don't have it.

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