

**Fair Districts GA Town Hall**  
**“Are We Making Progress Fighting  
Gerrymandering?”**



March 28, 2022

# Agenda

- Welcome
- Litigation update – Al Pearson, JD
- “Are we making progress fighting gerrymandering?”  
Special Guest: Michael Li, JD  
Senior Democracy Counsel  
Brennan Center for Justice
- Q&A
- Volunteer opportunities

# Litigation status

Lawsuit	Map(s)	Complaint	Lead legal org
* Pendergrass v. Raffensperger	Congressional	Federal VRA violation, requests new Black majority district in western Atlanta suburbs	Adam Sparks; Perkins Coie; Elias Law Group / Marc Elias
* Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity v. Raffensperger	State House and Senate	Federal VRA violation. Lack of Black majority districts in many areas of state. Cites long history of discrimination	ACLU-GA / Rahul Garabadu
GA NAACP, et. al. v. State of Georgia, Kemp, Raffensperger	Congressional, State House, State Senate	Federal VRA, 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Amendment violations for minorities in general, cites many districts in each plan, very broad complaint	Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights
Common Cause & LWV v. Raffensperger	Congressional	Violates 14 <sup>th</sup> Amendment equal protection clause, not VRA. Challenges 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> districts as racial gerrymanders	Southern Poverty Law Center
* Grant, et. al. v. Raffensperger & State Election Board	State House and Senate	Federal VRA violation due to lack of Black majority districts in specific areas. Seeks 3 more Black majority seats in State Senate & 5 more in House.	Adam Sparks; Perkins Coie; Elias Law Group / Marc Elias

\* Judge Jones ruling February 28, 2022



# Georgia Litigation update

- Judge Steve Jones ruling February 28
  - Plaintiffs are substantially likely to establish VRA Section 2 violations
  - Denies request for preliminary injunction – too close to the election
  - Cases will proceed on similar schedule to 3-judge panel cases
  - Possible net change: +1 Congressional, +2 Senate, +3 House districts for Black majorities
- Observations
  - The Kemp Gambit worked - signing delayed to December 30
  - History: February 23, 2012 – new maps enacted w. no impact to election
  - Risk of adverse ruling by Supreme Court in Alabama case



# Are we making progress fighting gerrymandering?

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Michael Li, JD  
Senior Democracy Counsel  
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Q and A

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Leadership team: communications, outreach
- Tech team
- Local redistricting project work
- Contact: [info@fairdistrictsga.org](mailto:info@fairdistrictsga.org)

# Thank you

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