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To Whom It May Concern:

Statement of Position on Baltimore County Redistricting

On behalf of the Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B and its Executive Committee, we submit this updated statement to emphasize our position on the Baltimore County redistricting process.

We firmly support a redistricting plan that strictly complies with the **Baltimore County Charter**, including the legal requirement that the **difference in population between the largest and smallest councilmanic districts must not exceed 10% of the mean district size**. This standard is fundamental to achieving the principle of “one person, one vote,” and it ensures that all residents are equitably represented.

However, **compliance with numerical thresholds alone is not sufficient**. It is equally important that the redistricting process respects and preserves the **integrity of communities**. The Charter also instructs that districts should be “**compact, contiguous... and in which due regard is given to current natural, geographic, and community boundaries**.” These criteria are not secondary—they are essential to ensuring districts that are **functional, representative, and rooted in lived reality**.

Balancing Charter Compliance with Community Preservation

While population parity is critical, **preserving functional communities and neighborhood cohesion must be central to redistricting decisions**. Boundaries should not arbitrarily divide neighborhoods, weaken community-based advocacy, or hinder ongoing local initiatives.

A balanced approach must:

- Adhere to **legal population deviation standards**,
- Maintain **compact and contiguous districts**,
- Respect **existing geographic and community boundaries**,
- And ensure **cultural, historical, and human cohesion** within districts.



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We encourage decision-makers to recognize that redistricting is not just a mathematical exercise. It's a social contract with real human impact.

The Human Dimension of Redistricting

Redistricting affects far more than elections. It influences access to:

- Public resources,
- Infrastructure investments,
- Educational equity,
- Economic development,
- And neighborhood revitalization.

When communities are kept together, their collective voice is strengthened. Their identity is preserved. Their ability to **sustain improvement efforts and advocate for change** is protected.

We must ask: Are we drawing lines for representation, or are we dividing communities and weakening progress?

The Randallstown NAACP Branch #7032-B calls on Baltimore County leadership to ensure that final district boundaries:

- **Respect the letter of the law,**
- **Honor the spirit of community,**
- And reflect a deep commitment to **equity, integrity, and public trust.**

We remain available to participate in community discussions and to collaborate on a redistricting plan that truly serves all residents of Baltimore County.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of the Executive Committee