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Georgia Voters Deserve Stable Maps Until 2031

The recent US Supreme Court decision does NOT compel the State of Georgia to redraw any district maps for the State Assembly or Congress. Any calls for a special session are completely unnecessary.

As Governor Kemp is well aware, the State of Georgia has previously appealed the 2023 court decision ordering the maps that were drawn at that time. Until the appeal is decided, no one should be demanding new maps. And nothing in the Supreme Court's decision renders Georgia's maps illegal or unconstitutional.

In fact, Georgia's appeal does not ask the court to order that maps be redrawn. Instead, the state simply seeks relief from the decision. Relief would leave the state with a choice – leave the maps in place or change them.

“Changing maps before the next census is a partisan power grab, pure and simple,” said Ken Lawler, chair of Fair Districts GA Foundation. “The special session is a cynical ploy to further gerrymander maps that were already designed to favor the current majority. Changes are likely to come at the expense of hard-won gains in representation for minority voters.”

The maps drawn in 2023 added districts for Black voters, but lawmakers included unnecessary changes to even the partisan score. They were admittedly designed to sustain their unfair majority. The maps should be left alone until 2031.

Rather than use the special session to gerrymander maps, the legislature should consider the proposal to [ban mid-decade](#) changes that was introduced in this year's session. This proposal would amend Georgia's constitution to only allow redistricting in the year after the census unless ordered by a court. This amendment should be placed on this year's ballot. It's time to let voters decide whether to ban this practice.

Fair maps are an essential part of Free, Fair, and Secure elections. Fair Districts GA believes that Georgia's maps should reflect and respect Georgia's voters. Maps

should support competitive elections. Maps should be drawn to reflect Georgia's communities in all respects: social cohesion, local economic interests, and the demographics of an increasingly diverse state. And most of all in this election year, we believe maps should be left alone until the 2030 census.

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