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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. McCloskey, seconded by Mr. Moran, it was moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #2293-04-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LA GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES, LLC TO PROVIDE POST REDISTRICTING RELATED SERVICES TO THE ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Louisiana law the St. Bernard Parish Council adopted a new redistricting plan for the election of the members of the St. Bernard Parish Council in the regularly scheduled elections to be held in the Fall of 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the redistricting plan adopted as Ordinance SBPC #2451-08-22 created three additional precincts; and,

WHEREAS, LA Government Strategies, LLC has proposed a contract to provide post redistricting services to include providing assistance in the Merger and Consolidation of precincts to facilitate a more efficient and cost-effective election process in St. Bernard Parish, a copy of which is attached hereto; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Bernard Parish Council authorizes and directs the Parish President to execute the Contract for Post Redistricting Services with LA Government Strategies, LLC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Bernard Parish Council authorizes and directs the administrative staff to take all actions necessary to carry out the Contract for Post Redistricting Services with LA Government Strategies, LLC;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the St. Bernard Parish Council directs the President to forward an executed copy of this Resolution and the attached Contract for Post Redistricting Services with LA Government Strategies, LLC to LA Government Strategies, LLC.



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The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

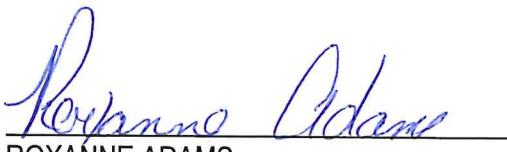
The Council Chair, Mr. Lewis, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 4th day of April, 2023.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

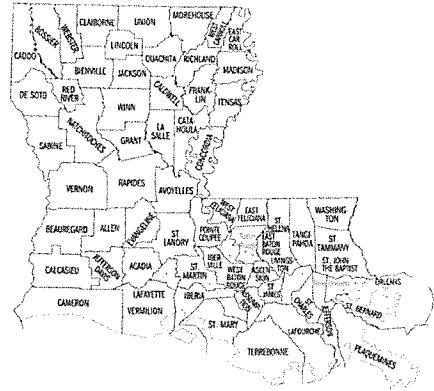
Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 4th day of April, 2023.


ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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CONTRACT FOR POST REDISTRICTING RELATED SERVICES

The parties hereto are LA Government Strategies, LLC, ("Contractor") and the Parish of St. Bernard ("Client").

PURPOSE

The purposes of this contract are for Contractor to provide post redistricting related services: precinct merger and consolidation assistance and periodic precinct description, realignment and amendment assistance.

Precinct Merger and Consolidation Services

This service will involve assisting the Parish developing a plan to merge and/or consolidate precincts to reduce the number of total precincts in the Parish subsequent to the redistricting adopted in accordance with the 2020 federal decennial census.

- Contractor will assist in drawing new precinct boundaries in accordance with applicable State law in order to reduce the number of precincts in the Parish.
- Contractor will assist in identifying precincts that can be merged and/or consolidated under applicable State law.
- Contractor will develop written descriptions of the newly merged or consolidated precincts.
- Contractor will provide a digital map of the new precincts.
- Contractor will submit the precinct mergers and/or consolidations to the Secretary of State.

Periodic Precinct Description Realignment and Amendment Services

This service will involve assisting the Parish in creating accurate written descriptions for precincts within the Parish, other than those that are addressed under the Precinct Merger and Consolidation Services provision.

- Contractor will develop written descriptions of precincts within the Parish, other than those that are addressed under the Precinct Merger and Consolidation Services provision.
- Contractor will provide a digital map of the new precincts.
- Contractor will submit the redescribed precincts to the Secretary of State.

COMPENSATION

The Base Fee for Precinct Merger and Consolidation Services is \$2,500.00, plus an additional \$150.00 for each precinct that is subject to merger or consolidation.

The Base Fee for Periodic Precinct Description Realignment and Amendment Services is \$1,000.00, plus an additional \$100.00 for each precinct that is subject to redescription.

Contractor will endeavor to assist Client remotely, but in the event there is a need for travel outside of East Baton Rouge Parish in the performance of services, Client will pay an amount equal to the mileage reimbursement rate recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

Digital maps will be provided, but should the Client request paper maps, the cost for such shall be on a per map basis: \$75.00 for E-sized maps, \$50.00 for C-sized maps and \$25.00 for 11" x 17" maps

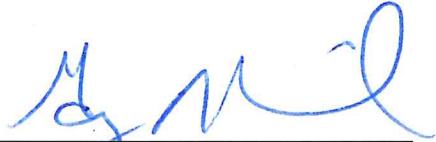
All fees and costs shall be due and payable within 30 days of completion.

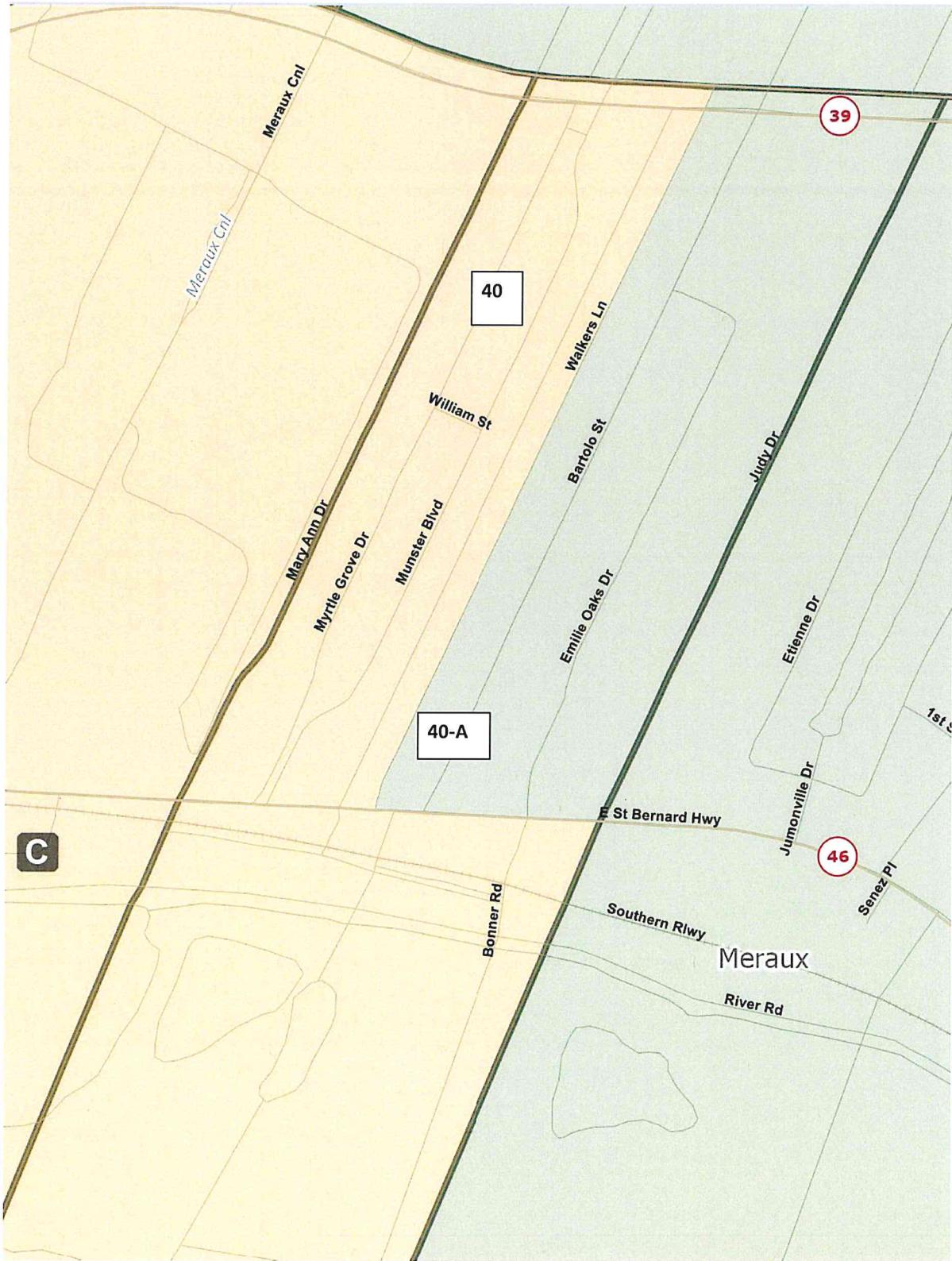
PRECLEARANCE UNDER THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Following the United States Supreme Court decision in *Shelby County vs. Holder*, there is not currently an obligation to obtain preclearance of the redistricting plan under the Voting Rights Act. As such, preparation, submission and follow-up to preclearance is not included in the Scope of Work provided for herein. In the event that there is a subsequent change in state or federal law or jurisprudence that creates an obligation to obtain preclearance under the Voting Rights Act, Contractor will prepare and submit the adopted redistricting plan for preclearance and will provide such follow-up communications with the Client and the authority performing the preclearance evaluation. This additional work shall entitle the Contractor to additional compensation in the amount of \$1,500.00, payable within 30 days of receipt of the preclearance determination from the appropriate authority.

LEGAL SERVICES DISCLAIMER

The parties hereby agree that this Contract is NOT A CONTRACT for legal services. In the event that the ordinance adopted is the subject of a litigation effort, Contractor will cooperate with the Client's legal counsel. However, any effort to engage Contractor as an expert in such litigation will be subject to a separate contract between the parties.

 LA Government Strategies, LLC 635 Main Street, Unit 3 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70820 225-978-9234 Lagovernmentstrategies@gamil.com Date: March 13, 2023	 ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT Address: <u>8201 W. Judge Penn Dr</u> Chalmette, Louisiana <u>70043</u> Phone: <u>504-278-4200</u> Email: <u>Presidentmeinnis@sbpg.net</u> Date: <u>4-5-23</u>
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