

Justice Resource Center

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Dr. Fletcher:

The recent merger of Louisville and Jefferson County will and has eliminated the number of African- American elected officials from four (4) to maybe one (1).

The merge of the City of Louisville was ^{Done} ~~son~~ by 93 incorporated cities who have their own Mayor and policy bodies while the West End of Louisville, which is a predominately African- American community, that has no elected Mayor or policy body. This area was the only one affected by the merger.

Also, the former County Judge who is now the Mayor of Louisville signed a compact stating that no area in Louisville that is not already incorporated can seek incorporation.

He was aware that before the merger that the West End was looking to incorporate for the sole purpose of controlling our own destiny. In order for us to become incorporated with our own City Manager we have to take it through the State General Assembly which is unconcerned and not interested in our needs or desire to control our own destiny.

What ever we can do under your Township concept we would appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,

Rev. Louis Coleman
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