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More court action over maps foreseen

BY CASH MICHAELS FOR THE CHRONICLE

Republican legislative leaders insist that they have redrawn fair maps per the federal court's directive, making sure that race has played no part in their construction. Thus, both the state House and Senate Republican majorities have approved their maps with few changes, over the objections of Democrats, and citizens statewide who

pleaded for a nonpartisan process.

Anita Earls, lead attorney in the Covington lawsuit that led to the U.S. Supreme Court and a federal court to order the GOP-led legislature to redraw the voting districts, maintains that is "just lying" that the court eliminated the use of race in redrawing the districts. The federal court clearly ruled that race could not be the predominate factor.

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—Anita Earls, lead attorney in the Covington lawsuit

"This is the worst [racial] gerrymander anyone has seen in the country," Earls said Tuesday, adding that the Republican spin on the



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court directive is just "open defiance."

Those maps will be submitted to the three-judge panel on Friday, Sept. 1, for judicial review. If approved, those redrawn districts (28 of 170 were ruled to have been illegal racial gerrymanders when drawn per the 2011 redistricting plan), will be in effect for the 2018 mid-term elections.

Democrats, on the other hand, counter that the

process was anything but fair; highly partisan, and the newly redrawn maps will be seen as equally inadequate as before.

"I would have hoped that we could have worked more with the majority party on creating fair maps," said Sen. Paul Lowe Jr. (D-Forsyth). "There's nothing magical in creating fair, legal, compact districts. Whether or not the committee looked

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Photos by Tevin Stinson

Thousands of people attended the 4th Annual Triad Minority Business Expo held at the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter on Saturday, Aug. 28.

Minority Business Expo draws large crowd

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

Minority business owners from across the Triad took center stage last weekend as entrepreneurs, celebrity guest, and hundreds of supporters came together for the fourth annual Triad Minority Business Expo.

Since 2014 the event sponsored by Maximum Enterprises has been the place to get information on small business right here in the Triad area. Along with more than 75 different vendors, the event also featured free seminars and workshops designed to help attendees devel-

op their business ventures. Workshops included "Transformational Leadership Strategies," "Community Based Lending Options," "How to Stop Self-Defeating Behaviors," and "Creating the Mindset for Success."

After wrapping up one of the seminars, Sharon Jackson from Greensboro said she found out about the Expo on social media and decided to attend. She said she was shocked to see so many businesses she had never heard of before.

"There are a lot of wonderful people here offering

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Thompson is named W-S top cop

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

Last week Assistant Chief Catrina A. Thompson was officially announced as the city's 15th chief of the Winston-Salem Police Department.

City Manager Lee Garrity made the appointment official during a press conference at the public safety center on Aug. 25. Garrity, who oversaw the hiring process said over the past few weeks, said Thompson has received overwhelming support from police officers,



City of Winston-Salem photo

Assistant Chief Catrina A. Thompson speaks at a news conference announcing her appointment as chief of the Winston-Salem Police Department on Aug. 25. See the interview with Chief Catrina A. Thompson on the Winston-Salem Chronicle YouTube channel. Click on the YouTube icon at www.wschronicle.com or go straight to YouTube.

nonprofit organizations, and community leaders.

"It's a pleasure today to introduce incoming Police Chief Catrina Thompson. Citizens who I don't even know have contacted me. From all walks of life, she got lots of support for this position," Garrity said.

He said the main reason Thompson was selected for the position was her commitment to the people in the

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HIDDEN TOWN

Old Salem is continuing the conversation

This is the last of a three-part series.

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

Over the past two weeks, we've traveled through time, unveiling the lives of blacks in the town

of Salem during the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries.

As we continue our journey this week, we will take a closer look at the development of two of the city's most historic neighborhoods: Happy Hill, and the East Winston commu-

nity. Although these neighborhoods didn't reach their peaks until the mid-1950s, the foundation was laid years earlier by the men and women who lived in the shadows of Hidden Town.

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