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benefits are an added bonus for the city.
The planned development would be in close proximty to North Huntsville Industrial Park, which includes Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Meta data center and Aerojet Rocketdyne among its tenants. Other proj-
ects are also planned for the park. The development would also be near Redstone Arsenal and Cummings Research Park.
"The decision to invest in the Huntsville market was driven by its impressive growth and economic diversity," Greg Wood, president, and coO-Management at
IMS, said in the announcement "We saw an area of the city that was underserved and believed we could create a project that would enhance the area and introduce new commercial ventures. There are a lot of possibilities that the commercial lots can accommodate, and we are excited to hear from interested parties. Crunkleton Commercial Real Estate's Vice President Eric St.
"We are honored to help bring IMS Development's expertise to the area," St. John said in the announce-
ment. "North Valley will elevate the quality of life for its ment. "North valrey will elevate the quality of ife for its
residents and present exciting opportunities for comresidents and pre,"
mercial ventures."

## COLE ARRESTED

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Earlier this year, the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that the Alabama Legislature would have to determine whether Cole was qualified to hold the office. The Leg quent special session without taking action on Cole's qualification for office.
If found guilty of the felony charge, Cole would auto matically lose his seat in the Alabama House.
Alabama House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, R-
Rainsville, issued a statement about Cole's arrest.
"This afternoon, the Speaker's Office became awa of David Cole's arrest on the charge of fraud-voting at an unauthorized location," Ledbetter said. "As this is an ongoing investigation, we are still waiting to learn more details as they become available.
"In recent years, the Alabama House has prioritized legislation that promotes election integrity, and we beregardless of the party, public official, or candidate involved.
"Alabamians may remain confident that their elections are conducted honestly, their votes are cast and it is up to a court of law to determine the validity of the allegations Cole is facing, and I anticipate Alabama's election laws will withstand their true intent. Kyle Whitmire of AL.com contributed to this
This is a developing story and will be updated.

## THE BLACK VOTE <br> ontinued from page 1

the House version.
Neither of the maps created a second majority-Black congressional district, but Pringle's map did something perhaps more unusual

In a deposition earlier this month, Pringle said he thought his map satisfied the federal court's mandate that Alabama draw a fair map where Black voters would have an opportunity to elect candiates of their choos| ing. |
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| $\mathbf{g}$. | Q. So the performance analysis that you receiv

from -- from Dr. Hood, do you recall what it said? A. That democratic candidates would have the opportunity to win in elections. Not guaranteed, but they have an opportunity.
Q. Was it significant that black-preferred candi-
dates won two out of four elections in the second congressional district under Dr. Hood's performance analysis?
A. To me, it was, yes.
G. What if black preferred candidates had won one out of four?
A. Mine had two out of four, so it gave it a $50 / 50$ shot. When the plaintiffs suing Alabama were before the - a district where Black voters would have a chance, not necessarily a guarantee, to elect their candidates. But the Legislature junked Pringle's plan.
Pringle is a senior member of the Alabama Legislature, but he wasn't driving the train. Again, that was the
state solicitor general and the more complicit members of the Alabama Senate.
The other committee co-chair, state Sen. Steve Livingston, told Pringle that LaCour and the senators upstairs wanted a different plan - one that would make it to keep Pringle's name on it.
"And I said, no we're not," Pringle testified. "If you want to pass a senate plan, you're going to pass the senate on the senate bill number, and you're not going to put my name on it.
The House and Senate passed competing maps. A
conference committee then drew a compromise map conference committee then drew a compromise map
which the Legislature passed along a party-line vote Democrats howled, and the plaintiffs from the original court challenge took the state right back to court. But Pringle's original House map showed something important - Republicans could have chosen to do bet ter. In fact, one of them did just that.
The original Senate map had a Black voting popula-
tion (BVP) of 38.3 percent in the Second Congressional District - pretty much guaranteeing Republicans election wins there.
Pringle's House plan had a BVP of 42.5 percent - giving Democrats and Republicans closer to even odds. 40 percent BVP, but it shafts Black voters.
One analysis by the Brennan Center showed that the only recent election where Democrats would have pre-
vailed under the current map was the 2017 special elecvailed under the current map was the 2017 special election, where Doug Jones defeated Roy Moore.
That same analysis showed Pringle's plan wouldn't do
much better for Democrats, but it would be somewhat much better for Democrats, but it would be somewhat What Pringle's map shows is that Republicans could have drawn a better map for Black voters. And then the Republicans junked that plan and passed a map that was tilted wildly in their favor
No Republican official wants to draw a map that would give up a guaranteed Republican seat in congress and
hand that seat to Democrats, but that's not what the courts have mandated.
Pringle's map is proof the GOP lawmakers could have done a better job - perhaps not sufficient, but better and then they chose not to.
They crept up to the line of fairness
Kyle Whitmire is the folks on the other side
Kyle Whitmire is the state political columnist for AL.com
and the 2023 recipient of the Pulizer Prize for Pulitzer Prize for commentary. Sign up jor his weekly newsletter and
afication" in your inbox every Wednesday.
up a second manufactured home on Hermitage Avenue, nd neighbors say they've heard the company plans to
A dozen neighbors have since filed a complaint with the Huntsville Board of Zoning Adjustments to stop any
further construction plans. They allege the construction violated the city's zoning ordinance and say that Travi violated the city's zoning ordinance and say that Trav
Cummings, the zoning administrator illegally allowed it to happen by subdividing the plot of land, and "bypasse
both the Planning Commission and the City Council."
In their complaint, the neighbors described the case a "defining moment," a "watershed moment" for Hunts ville, now the most populous city in Alabama
Neighbors say the structures are dragging down home
values and creating a "nuisance," in a neighborhood that has for decades largely consisted of single family bunga low and ranch-style homes. They also say they didn't ge a chance to speak against the construction before the zoning administrator approved it.
even more house trailers on Unified Lot, and the Zon ing Administrator has already informed GSH that it ma do so," the neighbors allege in the complaint. "In fact. the zoning administrator himself has already obtaine a street adress, 1005 Hermitage Unit A, for this thid building, and ames.
Attorneys for the neighbors declined to comment fo this story. They are asking the Board to issue "an orde restraining the Zoning Administrator from approving a
building permit for the construction of a second dwelling building permit for the construction of a second dwellin on the Unified Lot during the pendency of this appeal."
Everything is on hold for about a month. Ahead of th zoning board meeting last week, attorneys for the neigh bors, the city and GSH reached an agreement to postpon the hearing on the issue for 30 days.
The neighbors contend that the city's zoning ordinance
does not permit the use of trailers does not permit the use of trailers or manufactured
homes in the Blossomwood neighborhood, based on its special classification in the city's 1963 zoning ordinance The ordinance also says that lots in the Blossomwoo neighborhood must be at least 60 feet wide. If two more lots with less than 60 feet width share a bounda and have one owner, they are only one home.
The neighbor
The neighbors say 1005 Hermitage Avenue was lik
that with its two lots, measuring 50 feet wide each, garded as one.
According to their complaint, the zoning administra tor granted an exception for 1005 Hermitage without a proval of the Zoning Board
The zoning ordinance allows exceptions for older lots complaint the neighbors said the decision to subdivid the lot should have come before the Board of Zoning Ad justment, which is the kind of issue the board regula decides welcoming comments from the neighbors. practice has resulted and will continue to result in the creation of incongruous and inconsistent residential districts, not only in our neighborhood, but also through
out the City, with no view to conserving the value of the buildings already standing," they said. Kelly Schrimshe the city's communication director, declined to comment citing the one-month postponement. Patrick Miller, atto ney for GSH, said in an email to AL.com, "my client had
no comment. GSH of Alabama is a disaster relief contractor found in 2008. The company manufactures modular homes an works with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. company. GSH in June of 2022 bought the Hermitag property at auction for $\$ 675,000$ after the previous owne propert
moved.
Months after, the city's inspection department issued a permit to demolish the bungalow home, which the Ha baugh \& Sons Construction Company executed two day ater. GSH later presented the City's zoning department
with a site plan for one half of the lot, which the depart ment approved without a public hearing before the board The City also issued new addresses for 1005 Hermitage Avenue, Units A, and B, and construction began on April 22, 2023.
The Sto
The Stokes plans to move into one of the modu-
lar homes, and build another for another family, Sco lar homes, and build another for another family, Scott
Stokes told some neighbors who wrote statements in support of the complaints.
GSH's work includes both modular to on-site construc tion, Barbara Stokes' website says. "It has worked on and planning and installation of utilities, built housing well as a long list of military projects, including bullet resistant guard shacks," it added. "In September 2017 post Hurricane Harvey's Texas devastation, GSH was awarded by the federal government a $\$ 28$ million modu lar buildings contract to be completed by March 2018." Two years before that, a federal judge ordered Scott and
Barbara Stokes to refund $\$ 1.6$ million for making fraudulent claims of being affected by the BP oil spill under another company, Vision Design Management Inc., which was registered in Florida but is no longer in operation. The couple had not paid back the fund as of The Hunt federal court document suggests
6 The Huntsville Board of Zoning Adjustment meets a bors' complaint is scheduled for hearing at the next meeting, on Sept. 19.
Board Chairman Martin Sisson said that the postpone ment would allow members to get a full briefing on the matter. He said he expects the City to file a reply ten days efore the next hearing.
Sisson said he had not yet reviewed the 23 -page com nut and John A. Brinkley Jr. on behalf of Blossomwood neighbors Teresa M. Brosemer, Walter Brosemer, Jane Barton, Mary E. Hinkson, Rene P. Moret, Howard R. Reed Kowry Reed, Curtis O. Tary Towry and Ann S. Towry.
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