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LDF Strongly Condemns Raid of Fulton County Elections Office Intended to Validate Debunked 2020 Election Claims

On Jan. 28, FBI agents executed a search warrant at the Fulton County, Georgia, elections office. This raid follows years of President Trump attempting to manufacture evidence of election fraud related to the 2020 presidential election, and directing false claims of voter fraud against cities with large Black communities. When pressed on the warrant's justification, federal agents refused to provide further information to county officials or the press.

In response to the FBI raid, Legal Defense Fund (LDF) President and Director-Counsel Janai Nelson issued the following statement:

“Notwithstanding overwhelming evidence that the 2020 election was fairly run, this administration has made it clear that they will continue to pursue false narratives about voter fraud — and that the facts will not stop them. Their actions demonstrate utter contempt for the electoral process, the rule of law, and the safeguards that protect public trust in our elections.

“We cannot allow this violation of our democratic norms to continue. This reprehensible targeting of Fulton County and similar localities with high percentages of Black voters must end. LDF firmly denounces this raid and any other attempt to suppress the free and fair elections that form the foundation of our democracy.”

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