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Message:

My husband and I moved to Houston from Utah in 1976 -- and we loved Texas from the moment we arrived. As opposed to the ultra conservative, religious-based establishment we came from, Texas was diverse, open-minded, welcoming. It seemed fair and full of opportunity, for everyone. We also both came from Republican party families, but that was when it was just a pro-business mindset -- not the neocon, ultra-Right, power-hungry aberration it has become today.

I have become increasingly horrified by the antics of the current administration and its efforts not to govern but to curb freedom and win at any cost. We have serious infrastructure and educational problems in Texas, and yet we are spending time on bathroom issues and sham voting investigations. Shame on all of you. It seems we are in a race to the bottom with Florida, pandering to the likes of Trump and the insurrectionists.

I live in a city and state that are growing in non-white population -- and yet we all know that the redistricting underway is meant to favor white voters and white legislators. This is really about cutting off the voices of minority and liberal voters, defying the one person = one vote ratio that is essential to a democracy.

I am petitioning you to do what any moral government should do, and that is play fair. Resist the pressure to choose power plays over true governance -- and keep in mind that you swore to serve ALL the people, not just the ones who support your political ambition. Break the cycle started by Tom DeLay et al (we all know how that story ended) and use actual 2020 Census numbers to draw representational districts for the real Texas today.

I refuse to believe that the real people of Texas are as conservative, sexist, racist and misogynistic as our "leaders" suggest. I am asking that you give the people of Texas a fighting chance to win back our state, our dignity and our reputation on so many issues. Not

to mention our appeal as a place to live and do business.

Texas, stop breaking our hearts!

