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Regarding: Senate

Message:  
Senate Redistricting Committee,

Here are the Districts in the map which came out on September 21 which must be done over. To suggest such crazy, impractical shapes is a case in point about how much public input is needed. Tx-33 is a complete embarrassment. TX-14 is based on an erroneous picture of the coastal counties (see attachment). . A real depiction suggests that Tx-14 is not contiguous as it skips over Chambers county to tie Orange and Jefferson sections to Galveston and Brazoria Counties. I would be interested to find out whether the map-maker has a clue of how to get around in this district since the only direct route between all four of these counties is over water in a boat. And if this wasn't bad enough, the map decapitates Friendswood at the Harris County line and puts these census blocks with another districts that includes Newton, Tyler, and Jasper Counties. It is not right to break up a small city this way.

While I understand that Republicans are in complete control of the process which allows for party-biased gerrymandering, what is not acceptable is the loss of 3 Hispanic and 3 Black Districts resulting from the new boundaries . Texas was admonished back in 2011 related to this type of bad faith. As an informed voter, I am outraged at such brazen tactics to discriminate against voters of color. One of the arguments for suspending Voting Rights preclearance was that it was no longer needed. However, the abuses called out by Judge Rodriguez still appear to be present in the Republican Party Redistricting Playbook.

Finally, why do the Senate Maps and House maps get reviewed at the same time. Am I to be in two places at once? This is not fair - and shows the contempt that Republicans have for citizens who are supposed to get fair representation for their taxes. How can the House and Senate do their job properly when short notice and scheduling conflicts put the public at a disadvantage? Instead, they

are representing someone else's interest, not mine.

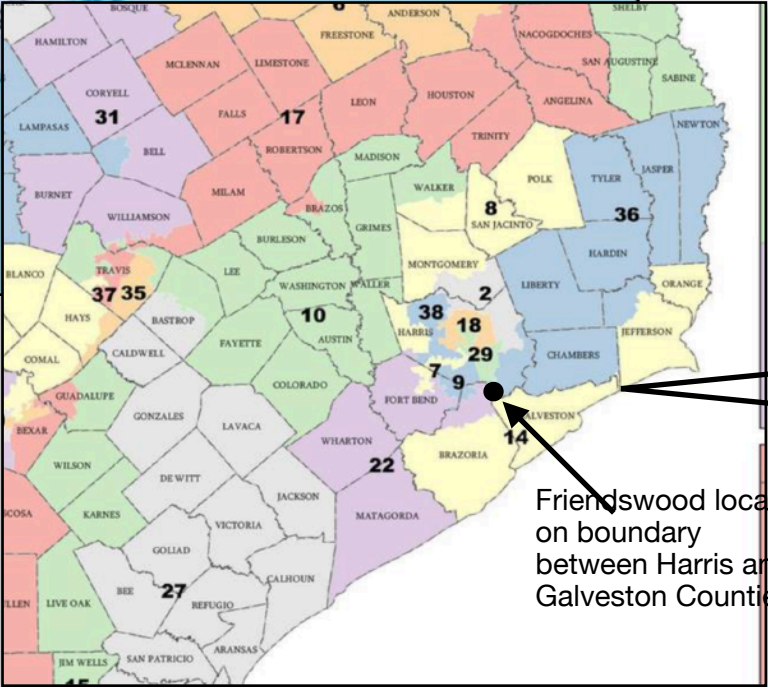
Signed, J. P. Oppenheim



# True Shape of Chambers County vs. Senate Congressional Map's Erroneous Depiction



Note the true position and shape of Chambers County relative to Galveston and Jefferson Counties



Note the extension of Galveston which places it next to Jefferson County and south of Chambers County. *This is wrong.*

Friendswood located on boundary between Harris and Galveston Counties

## Problem and Change Request:

Friendswood divided into two congressional districts: TX14 and TX36. Harris County part of the city *has nothing in common with Jasper, Newton, or Tyler Counties.*

To maintain the city as a community of interest, it would be better for the small city of 41,000 to be kept intact and not separate it with its Galveston County counterpart.

No direct route from Galveston Island to Beaumont/Orange or Lake Jackson. Instead, must use combination of I-288, I-45, and I-10 which can take on the order of 3 hours, one-way.

Remove Friendswood from Tx14 and put it with either Tx29 or Tx9.