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Message:

Hello,

I'm a 35 year old, politically Independent white male, and a lifelong citizen of Texas. I grew up around US District 36 and 14, and went to college in District 1. I've been a constituent of U.S. 10 in Austin for about 13 years. In 2018 the Houston Chronicle ranked US 10 the 13th most gerrymandered district. If I live in the 13th rank, I can't imagine the problems the others have.

I've witnessed quite a range of political differences throughout my life. As of right now I am mostly happy with the City of Austin, and Texas Senate 14 and State Rep 49 state representatives, but I'm not happy with top state leaders, or my federal representatives/senators. Our community has grown a lot in the last 10 years, but leadership has not kept up, and we are now gaining 2 more federal house seats due to the census.

The majority of the recent population growth were with Hispanics. The amount of Hispanics in Texas now closely match the numbers of white people in the state, but the recent proposed maps do not even things out in district populations to where districts with a white majority (20) meet the number of districts with majority Hispanics (7). That is a clear sign of voter suppression and racial gerrymandering. Not to mention only 1 with a black majority. At the very least, there should be just one more district of majority white voters than Hispanics, and more than one black majority.

Senator Huffman has decided to redraw the maps to fit her own needs. Her district narrowly voted for Biden over Trump, but now it's being fixed so something like that wouldn't happen again on a federal or state level. This is a clear sign of partisan gerrymandering, which I know you all don't care about because SCOTUS won't hear anything about it. Republicans are using the lack of oversight to their own advantage, which is an abuse of power.

Republicans have been controlling, using, and failing with the system for decades, and now the federal government can't watch over you, which apparently hasn't made much of a difference in the past, but can only make things worse. I do not trust you to do what's right, and that's a horrible thing to think. You pass a "voter integrity bill", but still use these partisan and racial discrimination tactics. It's a spectacle of integrity. You point the finger the other direction as you rob citizens of their rights with your other hand.

We need maps that show that you are being fair and listening to the people of this state, and that is not showing through. You waste time and money on petty business, and hold back on things that could make a positive difference.

I'm tired of Texas leaders playing to one side, or their own base. You need to represent ALL the people of Texas, and leave your religion, bigotry, and racism out of politics. More and more of your base are dying and killing people. You've turned us against each other more and more as you retain your power. You need to be transparent and held accountable for your immoral and unethical acts. You may be able to solidify your power for the next decade, but I assure you, progressives will give you as much hell as we can to get on the proper track for a safe, equal and empathetic state that thrives in the quality of life.

I wish many of you the worst of luck in the future of your political career. Thank you for letting me use my right to speak my opinion. I really hope that you all do what's right for the majority of Texans.

