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Message:

My name is Judy Van Cleve, I live in Pflugerville, TX and I am concerned that the Texas Legislature by splitting my county into 5 US House Districts combining urban and rural counties of very different population size, economic base and resources have eroded Travis County's ability to meet the needs of its ever-increasing population

Pflugerville lies between Austin and Round Rock, two of the fastest growing communities in Texas. It seems every day a new company or business is announcing their moving into the area. Companies such as the Tesla Auto Plant, Amazon distribution centers, a second Samsung plant and all the insular business that accompany these industries are drawing workers to Travis and Williamson County. These workers and their families will require housings, schools, hospitals, shopping, and recreation facilities. All these activities require water.

Urban growth has overtaken Pflugerville and Pflugerville is no longer a farming community but part of a large urban area with finite resources to meet the needs of this surge of new residence.

The drought of 2011 and resulting restrictions on water use made it clear to my suburban community that Travis County does not have enough water, especially during drought for the current population. Yet cities such as San Antonio have built pipelines into rural Central Texas taking water from rural populations. San Antonio, rather than building their own reservoir has discussed running a pipeline to Lake Travis. Lake Travis surface water along with underground water is the main source of water for business and human consumption in Travis County.

My question to the 5 US Representative who share a piece of Travis County, how can Travis County, one of the State's largest urban growth areas meet their current needs or plan for its future when the county is split into 5 US House Districts, north, east, south, and west across 36 mostly rural counties.

My question to the 5 US Representatives who represent District 25,21,10, 35, 10, how can you fairly represent any of your constituents or their communities based on the current voting districts.

It makes no sense that US House District 10 which is my US House voting district includes 9

counties stretching from Travis County, a huge urban county, across 6 rural counties to Harris County, another huge urban county.

It makes no sense that US House District 21 includes part or all of 10 counties. The district is drawn to take in the most populated center of Travis County, one of the most populated areas of Hays County, most of Comal County, all of Blanco, Kendall, Gillespie, Kerr, and Bandera Counties and a part of Bexar County. Travis County is an urban county with an industrial base while all the other counties, except Bexar County are mainly rural counties with a farming, ranching, and tourist economic base.

It makes no sense that US House District 35 includes a portion of 5 counties from Travis to Bexar County in a small strip down Interstate 35 from one large urban area across several rural areas to another large urban area. I would question if the needs of either the urban or rural population along this narrow strip down a major US highway can be met.

It makes no sense that US House District 25 takes a small sliver of Hays and Travis County before it proceeds through 7 full rural counties and part of 2 rural counties all the way to the Fort Worth/Dallas metroplex.

The State of Texas must redistrict large urban population communities so the people who live in high growth areas have the representation when decisions are being made about their community's limited resources. Additionally, rural communities must be represented when cities with uncontrolled growth take resources that are needed for rural communities to survive and thrive.

My expectations of the five US Representative who each have a little piece of Travis County is that they come up with a way to redraw the voting districts so they can begin the real work of the legislature, serving the needs of the people. Based on the way current districts are drawn the strategy appeared to be to split large voting population of Travis County for political gain rather than serving the needs of any of the 3 urban counties and 33 rural counties that make up Travis County's 5 voting districts.

In effect the current district lines serve to disenfranchise me and my voting community by preventing me from voting for a person who can fully represent me a resident of Travis County. There is no way that my small sliver of District 10 could out vote the rest of the mainly rural district on issues that concern growth and resources in Pflugerville, a suburb of a large urban area.

