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Message:

Dear Members of the Texas Senate Special Committee on Redistricting.

My name is Karen Mercado of Dallas, Texas. I currently reside in the boundaries for US Representative district 32, TX Board of Education district 12, Texas Senate district 16 and Texas House district 114.

As part of the re-districting process I demand that you follow these actions:

1. Hold hearings with virtual testimony on the map proposals themselves with at least 1 week notice before the hearing and map proposals made public at least at the time of the notice.
- 2.) Include with any map a report on how the district plans affect the ability of Voting Rights Act-protected groups to elect candidates of their choice.

Explosive growth in communities of color, particularly in Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant County, led to Texas gaining representation in Congress. These new districts need to be drawn to give political power to the communities which grew and not used as tool to bolster the representational power of select Republicans and whites only.

The new districts for US House, Texas Senate and Texas House need to equate to districts which represent those communities.

● **Census Data:**

- Collin County: Asian population grew by 113%; Black population grew by 73%; Latinx population grew by 47%; White population only grew by 3%
- Denton County: Asian population + 115%; Black + 84.5%; White + 5.9%
- Tarrant: Asian + 56%; Black + 41.2%; Latinx + 28.6%; White alone - lost 27.1%

o Dallas: Asian + 53%; Latinx + 16.8%; Black + 11.6%; White alone - lost 13.4%

The district lines that the Texas Senate committee has proposed ignore these citizens, are not geographically fair and are an obvious attempt to further gerrymander Republican control of state and federal government for the another 10 years. Please adjust these proposed maps to reflect the correct overall population and provide fair representation for ALL voters and citizens.

Thank you.

Karen Mercado

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