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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

As I'm sure many will note, the congressional maps absolutely do not reflect the 2020 Census data that shows 95% of Texas' population growth from people of color. I live in North Dallas, in the University Park neighborhood - named for its proximity to the Southern Methodist University (SMU) campus. While I personally do not attend SMU, I live among many who do in the Village Apartments, which makes up almost all of precinct 2031. The Village has a lot of diversity in demographics because of the wide range of prices that's also reflected in racial diversity.

The proposed maps put the Village, and precinct 2031 on the very eastern edge of CD 32, cutting the community off from the SMU campus (proposed for CD 24 - which contains more of Tarrant county than Dallas county). The map also splits me off from my synagogue, Beth El Binah, a small congregation which meets in the Northaven Methodist Church, also proposed for CD 24. When overlaid with demographic data it's also clear that minority voices are packed in CD 32 and CD 30, with CD 24 intruding to take the areas of our neighborhood that tend to be more white.

In summary, the proposed maps split North Dallas in a way that doesn't make sense for the communities who live here, particularly those of us on the border of proposed CD 32. CD 24 as proposed is particularly troubling as its North Dallas residents have much more in common with those of us in the Village - where they go to school, where they shop for groceries, and where they worship, than they have with suburban Tarrant county residents.

Beyond my singular precinct, the maps ignore Asian American population growth in North Texas, splitting it between four congressional seats, CD 03, CD 04, CD 26, and CD 32. I do not think the proposed maps give voters fair representation.

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