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Message:
I was, and still am, appalled at the 2010 redistricting of Travis County, where I was residing at the time. Travis County, which includes the capital of Texas, Austin, a University and a prolific music scene, leans Democratic (as most of the major cities of Texas do). The legislature in session at that time, led primarily by republicans felt compelled to carve Travis County up into 5 districts, from the original 3. I was happier and gratefully represented by a strong voice in Congress, Lloyd Doggett. Of course when Travis County was butchered, my district extended way into rural republican parts of the state and my representative no longer spoke for mine, my neighbors and others voices of concern. But this was the republicans gameplan, to silence our voices. Even with years and years of court filings of very obviously gerrymandered districts, with some modifications made, Texas was solidly set for 10 years to be solidly republican, even though I think half the population leans democratic. But our voices are silenced and I’m angry. You gave us four years of a narcissist sociopath president who was given free rein to run our country as his own kingdom. It was and is appalling, and most of you republicans aided and abetted him—think John Cornyn, Ted Cruz, Louie Gohmert (not sure if spelled correctly, but doesn’t deserve the time to check), and many many others.

I moved to Belton in late 2018, knowing this is a republican held area, but yet Democrats know this area is easily leaning purple and could be flipped. I’m going to work on that, too. I imagine that my district lines aren’t going to change too much, but the new districts picked up will be drawn to the benefit of republicans, even though the population growth was due more to Hispanics than whites.

Texas is not a nation unto itself. That is such a ridiculous mindset and if anything, republicans have set us back over 150 to 200 years to the days of Judge Roy Bean. We have 3-4 of the largest cities in the United States with smart, innovative peoples and industries, yet we have the rights of persons living in third world countries. Ever wonder why we vacation in Colorado, California, even go gambling in Louisiana and Oklahoma?
I AM ANGRY! I WANT A VOICE AND I WANT A GOVERNMENT THAT WORKS FOR US, THE TAX PAYING CITIZENS!

Rebecca McGlothlin