The proposed maps at every level disempower the growing diversity of Texas. The Republicans are steadfast in their shrinking majority to take away the power of the people. Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation. It is not appropriate to draw maps “color-blind”. Racial data must be taken into consideration when drawing districts that uphold the Voting Rights Act. Even without the preclearance provision of the Voting Rights Act being in place, Texas must still abide by Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the Fourteenth Amendment.

These maps are the epitome of gerrymandering and must be re-drawn fairly.