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Message:

Congressional Map Changes. Why must Texas legislatures continue down the path of destroying our democratic civil liberty that represents equality and justice for ALL Americans not just white people or the 1%? Republicans have stripped of us our voting power, the ability for women to choose what is best for themselves and their bodies, uphold violence by continually relaxing gun laws, excusing and erasing the history of white slavery, abuse, and violence against Blacks, Native Americans and other people of color, AND now changing the congressional map to gain more representation in areas where they are NOT the majority. The majority of Harris county, especially Houston, TX and Missouri City, TX are democrats and the population consists of people of color. So why don't the recommended changes reflect the truth?

I am ashamed of Gov Abbott and the Republican Senators and Representatives that are seated at the state and national level for upholding such flagrant disregard to equality and humanity. Every policy that Gov Abbott and his supporters have singlehandedly implemented, mind you without the vote of the people, has been done to erode democracy in Texas and ultimately in the United States.

Although many districts in Houston, Texas have similar concerns they are all uniquely different. I currently reside in District D which is a large district that extends to Sunny Side. I live on the periphery of 3rd Ward, right before South Union, bordered by the Medical Center, 288, OST, and Brays Bayou. My concerns are different from someone in SunnySide or even SouthPark.

I use this example to make the point that the congressional map lines do not lend to the voice of the people, and the distinctly different concerns of the population in those areas. Someone in Ft. Bend does not have the same traffic, flooding, or resource issues that plague my area. They may the similar categories but the root cause or even the solution is and should be different.

I am tired of the politics that is being played with my life, people's lives. I want and demand fair representation and would appreciate that more policies and laws are voted on by the people. Gov Abbott and Republicans say there is election fraud but really there is representation fraud because laws enacted since Gov Abbott was elected have not represented me, my neighbors, my family, or hard-working middle and low-income people like me.