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Hello and Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts and wishes upon the Redistricting Maps.

My husband and I reside in Plano; in a New Marketing Concept; Live Work and Play called Legacy West. Our address is Planc We love the area as it is full of life and residents enjoying themselves. It's a place of unity and fellowship. Folks are drawn to this life style and support the area. The Rule of law lives here!!

Plano has a current population of 285,494 residents as of the 2020 census. It is a City in Collin and Denton County and has 71.6 square miles of land.

Some of the largest and well know corporations are headquartered here. Plano offers such amenities as: arts & culture, parks and recreation, conference centers, golf courses, performing arts center, historic sites, and open space areas and biking trails. It's no wonder we are "The City of Excellence". The schools are rated high and we offer STEM classes.

BELOW IS MY LIST OF REDISTRICTING MUST HAVES:

I want the new map to reflect one person, one vote as provided in the US Constitution. It is important to me that districts are created so that there is approximately equal voting power in each district, and by "equal voting power," I mean equal voting power of people legally eligible to vote.

I want any new district map to fairly represent the voting patterns of Texas. In Texas, all of our statewide officials are Republican (Governor- House and Senate). Therefore, any new Congressional seats awarded to Texas as a result of the increase of the Texas population should represent the voting pattern of the state of Texas which is Republican.

I want to emphasize that I believe it is important that redistricting is accomplished by our elected officials, like you, who are accountable to the people of Texas. I strongly oppose any so-called "Independent Panel" that is not elected by the people of the State of Texas. Allowing redistricting to be done by an appointed panel takes away my voice and the voice of people like me in this very important process.

Most of the residents of our area are English speaking; however, there are Spanish speaking residents and the schools provide ESL classes for the students where English is not the primary language spoken in the home. Economically, this area primarily is middle and upper middle class. Collin County also has many Republican Californian and other state transplants who moved here to escape the craziness of their Democrat run states. They are proud to live in a Red County!

The people in Collin County communities enjoy not being caught up in the politics of Dallas County and City of Dallas: which does encroach on our City. We love living here and are a magnet for people moving to Texas. We embrace our new Plano transplants!!

I hope that my testimony, based upon my personal knowledge of the community in which I live, is helpful to you in the redistricting process.

Thank you.