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Message:

The following is a message and a press release from the League of Women Voters of El Paso.

Carol Wallace, President, League of Women Voters of El Paso writes in an email:

"In light of the recent proposed redistricting move from the Texas Senate for redrawing El Paso's U. S. Congressional Districts, we the League of Women Voters of El Paso and its Redistricting Committee (LWVEP) affirm our opposition to the moving of Ft. Bliss from Congressional District 16 to Congressional District 23.

"The League of Women Voters of El Paso's Press Release is attached to this email.

"Warm regards,

"Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy."

Press Release for 9/29/2021:

The League of Women Voters of El Paso Urges the Texas Senate to Reject Any Map that Excludes Ft. Bliss from El Paso's 16th U. S. Congressional District

Senate Bill 6 proposes a boundary change for Ft. Bliss from the 16th Congressional District to the 23rd. This proposal demonstrates a complete lack of knowledge of our community, its history and geography including the symbiotic relationship that has existed between Ft. Bliss and El Paso since 1853. This relationship has facilitated the growth and development of both entities to this day. The collaboration that has evolved not only with other local institutions but also among the populace is strong, steadfast and crucial to continued productivity, growth and enrichment.

Once again, the Texas Senate is attempting to disregard all semblance of fairness and transparency by setting a single in-person hearing for testimony on the proposed Congressional map on September 30, 2021. The proposed Congressional map which was just released on September 27, 2021, provides insufficient notice d public comment.

Despite a history of findings of discriminatory intent in past redistricting litigation, the Texas Senate is continuing on the same path of violating the voting rights of minority communities. El Paso will not stand in silence and acquiescence to such a dastardly deed.

Carol S. Wallace, President League of Women Voters of El Paso