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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I am a recently retired school counselor after 32 years with Corpus Christi ISD. I have voted for both Republican and Democratic candidates in past elections.

I live in Congressional District 27 Michael Cloud, House District 32 with Chairman Hunter, and Senate District 20 with Juan Hinojosa

I ask that your Committee members commit to a fair and open redistricting process and to fix partisan and racially gerrymandered districts.

Texans will no longer tolerate politicians manipulating district maps so that they can select their voters and guarantee election wins. This strips away the voting power of millions of Texans and hurts Texans of color the most. Qualified candidates will not run in elections they are guaranteed to lose. And incumbents do not even have to make an effort for their constituents in districts they are guaranteed to win. Rigged voting maps have no place in a representative democracy.

Committee members, I ask you to publicly post all your proposed maps on your website: house.texas.gov, giving the public 14 days to review your proposed maps. After that 14 day review period, hold VIRTUAL public hearings and USE public input to adjust the maps. The public should have at least 5 more days to advocate for or against the changes BEFORE maps are voted out of committee. Each map proposal should include an analysis of racial and partisan impact with justification for how districts are drawn. Committee work should be transparent in every step of this process.

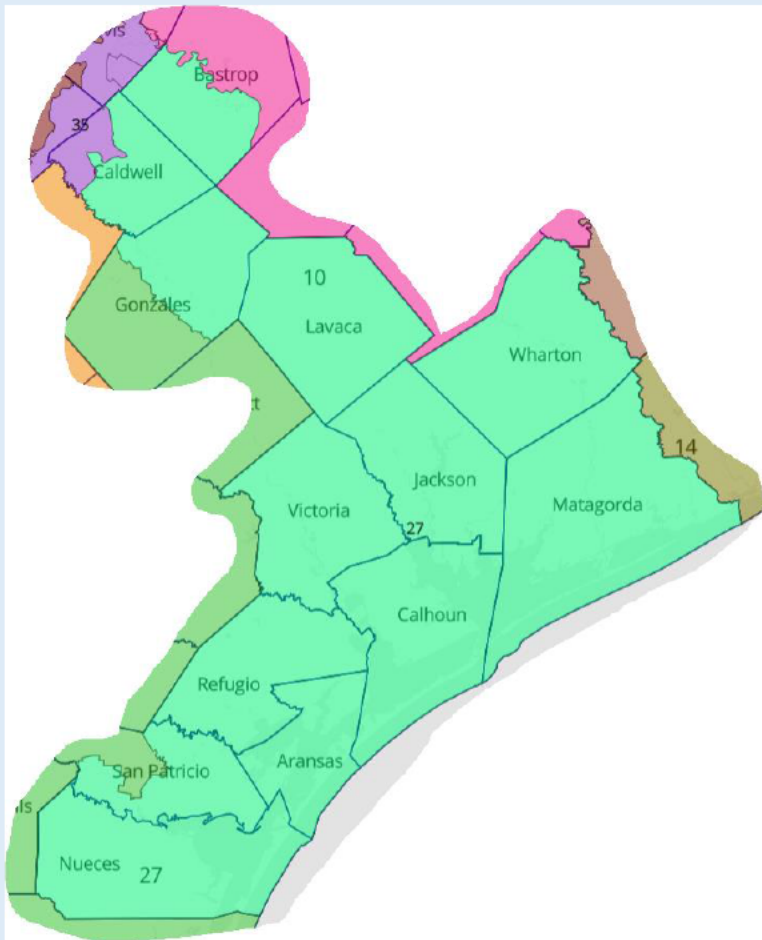
Let's fix my Congressional District 27! Our Coastal Communities have very little in common with the rural counties that are artificially placed with us. In the last cycle, 27 was wildly gerrymandered toward Central Texas and placed with strategic pieces of Gonzales, Caldwell, and Bastrop counties and it was stretched northeast toward Katy.

District 27 should instead be a Southern Gulf Coast District anchored by Nueces county extending south toward Brownsville and should include Calhoun, Aransas, San Patricio, Nueces, Kleberg, Kennedy, Willacy, and half of Cameron to include Brownsville. This is how District 27 used to be drawn. Reinstating this large-scale community of interest would give us the

ability to advocate for important common issues like Windstorms, Tourism, Ports and maritime commerce, Coastal ecology, the Fishing Industry, coastal Petrochemical industries, and SpaceX Spaceport. You will find this grouping to be very fair and balanced when you run an analysis. I don't know any Nueces County residents that don't support this voting map. We have serious issues and need real representation in the US Congress.



CURRENT 27



NEW 27

