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Regarding: Senate

Message:

The currently proposed redistricting maps are in direct conflict with the 2020 Census data and clearly being proposed to undermine voters, particularly Black, Hispanic and Asian voters.

As you all are well aware, these groups have seen tremendous growth over this last Census cycle accounting for 95% of the growth of this state which led to the two additional congressional districts. As such, the redistricting should reflect this growth.

This proposed redistricting is blatantly racist. It's seemingly rooted in the discriminatory history of voting in this state. Racism has long been used in this state and the United States to create policies which undermine democracy. This proposed redistricting map is essentially the proposal of a policy which will undermine the votes of the majority of voters from the aforementioned groups.

The "cracking" of districts made up of Black, Hispanic and Asian residents of our state is clear gerrymandering and an absolutely blatant attempt to undermine democracy. Just as this committee did in District 30 in Tarrant County in 2011, you're attempting to crack multiple districts in the state to undermine the voting strength of these communities.

As a citizen of the United States of America and a registered voter, I urge you to withdraw this proposed map and go back to the drawing board to create a proposal which reflects the growth of this

state.

Respectfully,

Juli McShay