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Message:

Redistricting mid-decade is unnecessary, harmful, unconstitutional and unconscionable. Three hearings for a total of 15 hours of public comments representing 30 million Texans. This is not ethical, this is immoral and this is unTexan. I demand that the Texas Legislature “just say no” to redistricting and drawing new maps that further erode the vote and voice of the majority of Texans. We’re a democracy not an oligarchy. We don’t have a king. We have a governor – one who is feckless and ineffective – but one, who nevertheless, was elected by Texans.

Before the Texas Legislature attempts to rectify a problem of the majority party’s own making (redistricting), how about finding a solution for our archaic, shaky at best power grid? Or how about passing meaningful and common-sense gun control legislation? Or how about paying working Texans a livable wage? What about helping the federal government come up with a fair and sustainable path to citizenship for immigrants? How about this: creating a public school system that encompasses a path to the Middle Class through the trades, STEAM and other 21st century and beyond occupations? Oh, I know! Reproductive rights. Or healthcare for all. Texans have 99 problems and fighting for our vote ain’t one of ‘em.

We want representation NOT redistricting. This is illustrated by the more than 1,000 folks signed up to speak in TX House hearings in Houston; more than 600 in Arlington; and more than 300 in Austin. Anywhere from 1,300 to 2,300 plus Texans submitted written statements. Plus, the math ain’t matching.

Oh, by the way, where are the maps? Does Carmen SanDiego have to find them for y’all?

Comments about a map that hasn’t been published about an issue that will so profoundly impact Texans and by extension, the American citizenry is nonsense. Commenting on something we can’t see, can’t review and can’t trust is the very definition of futility. You, our elected representatives, need to represent our interests, not stifle our voices. Do BIG things like fighting climate change, reshaping law enforcement, reimaging public education or holstering a run amuck gun culture. NOT dancing to the tune of a little man in D.C.

Our state is still suffering from the racial gerrymandering mechanisms of Tom Delay. But justice may be Delayed, but it will NOT be denied! Our voices won’t be silenced!

According to the U.S Census, from 2010 to 2020, Texas gained 4 million people driven - largely by Blacks and Latinos; that’s 95 percent minority growth and only five percent Anglo. For a number of years, Texas has been a majority minority state (approximately 60 percent people of color and 40 percent Anglo). Yet despite the state’s population growth overwhelmingly fueled by the growth of African-Americans, Latinos, and Asians instead of the state drawing

congressional districts reflecting this growth, 2 primarily Anglo districts were added. There should be at least 24 seats controlled by communities of color instead of the current 14. The maps drawn from 2020 data are problematic already, even though a majority Republican state legislature and signed into law by a Republican governor who vowed publicly over and over that the maps were drawn race neutral. Clearly, there was racial gerrymandering - which is illegal and now just four years later, our felonious, immoral, senile president has mandated that Texas provide him with five additional congressional seats. This clear unconstitutional power grab is not fooling anyone. Why cheat? The 2021 map is still winding its way through the judicial system and if there are new racially gerrymandered maps are drawn, they too will be legally challenged.

Our state is still feeling the effects of has an ugly history that includes slavery, Jim Crow and segregation. By considering redistricting and further cracking and packing minority majority districts will further set our state back. What side of history will you be on: the one where you move our beloved state forward and closer to fulfilling the Texas Dream or on the side that was bull dozed by progress?

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This evil will not stand!

Romans 12:21

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