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Message:

Dear Members of the Texas Senate Special Committee on Redistricting.

I currently reside in the boundaries for US Representative district 5, TX Board of Education district 12, Texas Senate district 16 and Texas House district 107.

As part of the re-districting process I ask that you follow these actions:

1. Hold hearings with virtual testimony on the map proposals with at least 1 week notice before the hearing and map proposals made public at least at the time of the notice.
- 2.) Include with any map a report on how the district plans affect the ability of Voting Rights Act-protected groups to elect candidates of their choice.

Explosive growth in communities of color, particularly in Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant County, has led to Texas gaining representation in Congress. These new districts need to be drawn to give political power to the communities that have grown, and not used as tool to bolster the representational power of select Republicans and whites only.

The new districts for US House, Texas Senate and Texas House must equate to districts which represent those communities. The district lines that the Texas Senate committee has proposed ignore these citizens. They are not geographically fair and try to gerrymander Republican control of state and federal government for the next 10 years. Please adjust these proposed maps to reflect the overall population and provide fair representation for ALL voters and citizens.

Thank you.

Laurel Hoitsma

