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Regarding: SBOE

Message:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. I am a retired CPA, seminarian, and aspirant to UU ministry. I oppose SB7, Plan 2103.

I am very concerned about the SBOE's work because of the inordinate influence that the SBOE has on textbooks used in classrooms all over the country. I have been active in communicating with my SBOE members, including writing to SBOE members about science standards as well as sex education standards. As such, I am aware of the importance of this Board.

I object to Plan 2103 because it dismantles District 12, where my sisters and nieces currently reside in Richardson, Texas, cracking the east side of the district into District 9 which covers rural east Texas and the north side of the district is reconfigured to stretch along the Oklahoma border. This dilutes the votes of the people in the current District 12, where population grew since 2010.

The current District 12 is comprised of East Dallas and Dallas north suburbs and exurbs in Collin County. About half of the district is Collin County in its entirety; the rest of the district is East Dallas County. The district is a diverse, multiracial district, dominated by no one racial or ethnic background. Indeed, there is political diversity as well: The state senators for this area are Democrat Nathan Johnson and Republican Angela Paxton. If there were an election held today, based on past electoral patterns, it would be a toss-up (<https://davesredistricting.org/join/a7484cfe-920e-452b-9dd3-71932177e5e6>).

The current district represents radically different communities than those in the rural areas that this district has been cracked into. The proposed SBOE districts 9 and 12 are anchored in the current SD's 30, 2, and 1, which are all rural, overwhelmingly Anglo, and consistently elect Republican White men who carry culture war issues such as the so-called CRT ban which has already begun to create chaos and confusion in our public schools.

Of note, SBOE district 12 increased in population over the past ten years whereas Districts 30 and 9 lost population. Another important piece of information we received from the census is that the population growth was driven by growth in non-Anglo communities, and particularly Asian communities here in North Texas.

Instead of honoring the population growth, SBOE district 12, specifically the portion that lies in

Dallas County, was cracked to bolster rural population loss. SBOE District 9 remains majority Anglo, although less so than the original SBOE district 9 (63% Anglo becomes 52% Anglo) and District 12 essentially was converted from a racially diverse district into a majority Anglo district (47% Anglo becomes 56% Anglo). I completed a rough approximation of the proposed map here: <https://davesredistricting.org/join/c5ea5bbd-dee1-4da2-a9ba-47657b9abaad>

A more fair map would be similar to the example here:

<https://davesredistricting.org/join/9ee9b48d-5086-4205-9442-5fdc19e1ca27>

This can be accomplished by

1. Keep all of the counties that are currently part the proposed SBOE districts 9 and 12 except Dallas and Collin County together in District 9.
2. Keep Dallas County intact in District 12.
3. Combine rural areas of Collin County with SBOE district 9; for example: Celina ISD, Anna ISD, Blue Ridge ISD, Farmersville ISD, Community ISD.

This would result in one SBOE district serving mainly rural communities and one serving a mainly urban/suburban community, keeping communities of interest together. It would also result in a similar racial composition in SBOE district 12 reflecting current population trends.

I respectfully ask the committee to reject this patently unfair map and redraw the districts in a way that does not dilute the voting power of our Black, Hispanic, Asian, and other minority communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

