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Regarding: ALL

Message:

Hello my name is Anita. I am part of Mi Familia Vota. I live in the area of Old Lake Highlands. Between the roads/landmarks of East NW Hwy. and White Rock Lake. I'm writing to you so that my community is heard and included fairly in the process of redrawing our representative maps for the state legislature.

In the past and present there have and continue to be problems in our community, such as struggles with natural disasters, like the 2021 winter storm. The way that the City of Dallas has responded to local problems like the homelessness crisis, and the way that they and representatives at the state level have responded to the pandemic is concerning. We are struggling and need lots of investment in infrastructure, especially investments that take into account climate change; our schools, homes, communities, and futures need funding and direct, competent response from representatives at all levels.

Right now my community is in Texas House District 114, represented by Rep. John Turner and Texas Senate District 2, represented by Sen. Bob Hall. I've lived here since the year 2016. The community is diverse, with many working families, and plenty of great elementary, middle and high schools, all part of Dallas ISD. We have grocery stores, a fire department, local restaurants, small businesses, and health providers. The area has been historically a great and peaceful area, dominated by families, community areas, gardens and parks. It is a wonderful community. What we need in our neighborhood is more investment in parks, clean/green infrastructure, small businesses, schools, and public services. For this reason, we need a redistricting process that is led and *for* the communities who live in it.

My ask for my community in the process of drawing our state legislative maps are that as follows:

- (1) I want residents of the community to be included in the map-making process, since we are the people who live and know our community & the consequences of policy firsthand; NOT partisan data!
- (2) I want options for our community to participate in the drawing & review of maps, in ways that are transparent & help people with different needs & languages, including hearings with virtual testimony & public access to view the map proposals themselves with at least 1 week notice before the hearing.
- (3) I want our community to be given enough time to review maps & to provide our input

(4) I want our community to be provided a report with rationale explaining why lines are drawn the way they are on the maps proposed for a floor vote. ALL communication about the maps & how they're drawn can & will be transparently explained, including a report for all maps on how the district plans affect the ability of Voting Rights Act-protected groups like my community to elect candidates of our choice.

Thank you very much for reading my testimony. I look forward to participating in this process with you all & my community.

Best,

Anita

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