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Message:

Below is a link to a Congressional Redistricting Plan that I drew up just for something to do. While I have some hesitancy in sharing this due to the rancor that seems to pervade our politics these days, the fact is, the plan exists. I might as well share it. If nothing else, perhaps, it will give you some ideas.

Let me be clear about my motivation. I am not a member of any political organization. I'm not even a resident of Texas. I was a professional numbers cruncher by trade, the technology was there, so I just did it. You can do with it whatever you want, or not.

What I will say about the plan is, that it is considerably different in some ways than the current plan. There are no odd looking twists and turns to the district boundaries in this map. It is based solely on geography and population. I didn't even do anything special with regard to minority representation. However, in terms of majority minority districts it worked out pretty well.

There are six or seven open districts in this plan. Of course, in any plan, there will be three open districts as Texas gained some seats, so it's not really that bad. The problem with the current plan is that there are a couple areas that seem to be overrepresented. For example there are what, three from the Austin area alone? That, to me, seems a little over represented, regardless of which political party benefits from that. So, I've kind of consolidated areas like that so that they're not so split up. If one, or two areas, in the state are over represented, likewise, there are some areas that may be under represented. Also, Harris County might need a little tweaking. I'm not sure how this plan impacts the current incumbents from that area. The Harris County districts are certainly different than they currently are. That's for sure.

While this plan does tend to shift the Dem vs Rep ratio a bit, I don't particularly care about that. I didn't take into consideration any partisan demographics while building this plan. This is just the way it turned out, and it seems fair to me. And, fairness is all I care about and, I would add, perhaps, something we should all care about a little more. Having said all that, I realize that you people are likely to hire consulting firms to do some of this stuff for you, armed with software and fancy algorithms. This stuff isn't brain surgery. I did this on a free app in an afternoon.

As I implied at the beginning of this note, the rancor that exists between the two major parties is not a good look for America. At the risk of sounding naive, I hope both sides can work together to come up with a plan that's good for the people of Texas instead of the party. The two are not necessarily synonymous. Maybe Texas can set a positive example for the rest of the country.

Good Luck!

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