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Message:
Comments on Redistricting
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Let me preface my comments by stating that I vehemently disagree with your decision to proceed with redistricting during a Special Session of the Texas Legislature. It is my understanding that, per the Texas Constitution, redistricting can only take place during a Regular Session.

You appear to be rushing to redraw the lines to your advantage to ensure minority rule over a state whose demographics are rapidly changing. The 2020 Census showed that this country is more multi-racially and ethnically diverse than ever.

People of color represented 43% of the total US population in 2020, up from 34% in 2010. Conversely, the non-Hispanic White share of the US population fell to 57% in 2020, shrinking by six percentage points since 2010. This is the largest decrease of any race or ethnicity. Those who identified as Hispanic, Latino, or multiracial saw the most growth. Non-White US residents younger than 18 now make up 53% of the population among minors, up from 47% in 2010.

According the Census, "Population growth this decade was almost entirely in metro areas," said Marc Perry, a senior demographer at the Census Bureau. "Texas is a good example of this, where parts of the Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Dallas Fort Worth, Midland and Odessa metro areas had population growth, whereas many of the state's other counties had population declines."

The population in cities has grown faster than the nation as a whole. Population in metro areas grew by 8.7% since the 2010 Census. I suppose that factored into your desire to pass the odious, so-called Election Integrity Bill that was nothing more than a vehicle to punish Harris County for its innovative and effective methods of increasing voter participation during a pandemic in 2020.

Instead of trying to make voting easier and more convenient for voters in Texas, you want to make voting more burdensome and unleash right-wing poll watchers to intimidate voters. Now,

you want to redraw the lines so that elected Republicans in Texas cannot be held accountable for their failures.

You want to ensure that Republicans choose their voters instead of voters being able to choose the people that they want to represent them and their interests. And that is just plain wrong!

The redistricting process should be turned over to an independent, nonpartisan commission, as it has been done in other states.

