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Message:

Senate Redistricting Hearings 2023 Overview • I submitted testimony during the last legislative session asking you to respect minority voters in Tarrant County. Along with many others, I called on you to recognize that Black, Hispanic, and other minority voters in Senate District 10 elect our candidate of choice and that you preserve SD10 as a minority opportunity district protected under the Voting Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution • You ignored my plea and all facts presented. You deliberately cracked the minority neighborhoods in Senate District 10 destroying our proven voting strength and violating our voting rights. • The current map erases Senate District 10 as a district where minority voters elect their candidate of choice. Minority neighborhoods are sheared apart. The voting strength of African Americans and Hispanics is erased by submerging them into Anglo-controlled districts extending into far-away rural counties and predominately Anglo exurban neighborhoods. • I read claims that Republican Senators drew this map “blind to race”. That is insulting and clearly false. One look at the map shows precision cuts carefully dividing well-known and historic neighborhoods with no credible purpose other than to undermine Black, Hispanic and other minority citizens. SD10 Elected Minority Candidates of Choice • Your conversion of District 10 from an obvious minority opportunity district into one that Anglos control and minority voting destroyed strength destroyed shows that race was top of mind. It is crystal clear that current map was drawn with the intent to discriminate against voters of color. • Hispanic, Black and other minority voters have united in coalition time and again to elect our candidate of choice. When the Legislature attempted to dismantle District 10 in 2011, the federal court ruled their efforts to be intentionally discriminatory. • In 2018, Beverly Powell was the minority candidate of choice elected by our coalition. Her election reinforced that Black, Hispanic, and other minority voters were the controlling voices in Senate District 10 and confirm that the federal court’s ruling that dismantling SD10 would be an act of intentional discrimination. • The 2022 elections further demonstrate that minority voters elect their candidate of choice in SD10 before its boundaries were changed. In the statewide race for Attorney General, Latina Rochelle Garza received over 52 percent of the vote in SD10 while losing countywide and statewide. In the two top countywide administrative contests, African American candidate Deborah Peoples in the County Judge Race and Tiffany Burks in District Attorney race carried SD10 while losing countywide. Each of these women were the candidate of choice for minority voters. Thank you, Judge Sergio De Leon Justice of the Peace, Pct. 5 Tarrant County

