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Message:

I am opposed to the current redistricting process for the following reasons. If the redistricting process were to be amended to address my comments, I would happily engage in said process.

1. There's no real new data to redistrict on and at any rate, that's the entire purpose of the decennial reapportionment. Yes, we know the population has both grown in magnitude and shifted in distribution. However, there's no high quality centralized data remotely similar to Census data to quantify this.
2. Discussion is occurring only on congressional representation redistricting. If the reason for doing this is population changes, our state legislature's lower chamber would absolutely have to be redistricted in concert with the congressional districts as the state house districts, with their smaller populations, are much more susceptible to population changes. The state senate would also need to see changes, although less drastic changes. If redistricting is not done across all representation, this is clearly just typical Texas politicking that erodes fundamental trust in our state's republican form of government.
3. The state is using a letter from the DOJ that claims the current maps were made using race-based data as a reason for redistricting while simultaneously arguing in court, in a separate matter, that the same maps were made using race-bling data. These cannot both be true at the same time and the implications of this are startling.
4. Urban and rural Texas need representation that is separate from suburban Texas. The proposed districts will centralize power on suburban areas while stripping it from urban and rural areas. This is a problem because suburban cities and school districts require constant growth to maintain fiscal sustainability. This growth comes at the expense of urban and rural areas. To grow, suburban areas require freeways to expand in the urban cities, destroying homes and businesses (tax revenue producers) to attract people to move to the suburban cities. Suburban cities then grow physically into rural areas, destroying agricultural land in the process. Proposed districts that put all three areas in the same district will only serve to hollow out our cities and destroy our rural,

agriculturally
productive areas through further enactment of policies that encourage suburban areas to continually pave over
agricultural lands.

