

[REDACTED]

---

Date: 2025-07-25  
First Name: Francisco  
Last Name: Espinal  
Title: Congressional Redistricting  
Organization: self  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: San Antonio  
State: Texas  
Zipcode: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED]

Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Congressional

Message:

As a Texas resident and engaged voter, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose further redrawing of the current congressional districts, which already demonstrate substantial compliance with constitutional and statutory redistricting criteria.

Unjustified redistricting at this stage risks violating several established principles:

**Equal Population (One Person, One Vote)** – The current districts maintain population balance as required by *Reynolds v. Sims* and subsequent Supreme Court rulings. Without significant demographic shifts, major alterations could introduce population disparities that weaken representation equity.

**Voting Rights Act Compliance** – Texas has a history of Voting Rights Act scrutiny, particularly concerning Section 2, which prohibits dilution of minority voting strength. Redrawing existing districts—many of which currently allow communities of color to elect candidates of their choice—could expose the state to legal challenges on the grounds of racial gerrymandering or retrogression.

**Communities of Interest and Compactness** – Any redrawing risks undermining longstanding communities of interest that have developed cohesion under the current maps. Artificially altering boundaries may compromise representational effectiveness and reduce geographic compactness, contrary to best practices in redistricting.

**Partisan Fairness** – Redistricting should not be used as a tool for partisan entrenchment. Reopening maps without a compelling and transparent justification raises concerns about partisan gerrymandering, which undermines public trust in democratic processes.

Given the absence of a court mandate or significant census-based redistricting requirement, further adjustments to the current maps appear politically motivated rather than procedurally necessary. I urge the committee to preserve the existing boundaries to protect electoral integrity, avoid costly litigation, and uphold the fundamental rights of Texas voters.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.

[REDACTED]

