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Message:

I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed mid-decade redistricting. The data clearly shows there is no legitimate demographic or legal basis for redrawing legislative maps outside the normal 10-year census cycle. This is an anti-democratic power grab, plain and simple.

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, Texas saw a population growth of nearly 4 million people between 2010 and 2020 — with 95% of that growth driven by communities of color. Yet the maps drawn in 2021 did not proportionally reflect that demographic shift, and now, less than halfway through the decade, some lawmakers are already attempting to manipulate district lines again.

There has been no decennial census since 2020 — the only constitutionally justified reason for redistricting. And based on the most recent Census Bureau Population Estimates (2024), Texas's population shifts have been incremental and concentrated in urban, diverse areas like Harris, Travis, Bexar, and Dallas counties — not enough to legally or ethically justify redrawing the maps statewide.

Mid-decade redistricting is rare and controversial for a reason. It injects chaos into our elections, confuses voters, and undermines public confidence. In *Vieth v. Jubelirer* (2004) and *League of United Latin American Citizens v. Perry* (2006), even the U.S. Supreme Court warned about the dangers of excessive partisan gerrymandering and non-decennial redistricting.

This move is not about fairness. It's about protecting power—and silencing voters who already face disproportionate barriers to participation. I urge you to reject this attempt at mid-decade redistricting and instead focus on protecting the integrity of our democratic process.

