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Message:

This mid-decade redistricting is not normal. It's a calculated, anti-democratic power grab. Why should Travis County residents have their representation halved? Because they happen to vote for Democrats?

We do not need more gerrymandering! Gerrymandering is a just a fancy word for CHEATING! Nobody should be cheating, or rigging, elections. It undermines our democracy. It's how we have ended up in the political mess we are now in.

Politics is not football where you choose one side and annihilate the other! It's about including different views and reaching compromise so that the MAJORITY of Americans are provided with what they need to thrive while ensuring the MINORITY is not overlooked or excluded.

Moreover, politics is about serving your community. If you are only interested in wielding power and never letting go, then you are not a politician, you are a dictator!

Texans are not interested in aiding and abetting Trump's authoritarian regime. Legislators should not be choosing their voters! Voters should be choosing their legislators and voting maps need to be fair so that legislators can be held accountable by voters.

If maps are drawn to ensure that one party always wins and one party always losses, then why bother voting? But of course, that's the point, isn't it? Disenfranchise and demoralize citizens with opposing views, even if that's half the country, so that those in power can remain in power indefinitely, forcing their narrow views on all of us even if it causes harm.

If you accept these bogus maps, you are admitting that we are no longer a democracy. Instead, choose to do the right thing, draw maps that are truly reflective of the diversity of our state. Texans deserve nothing less.