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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

My name is Charlene Shafer. I live in Cypress, Congressional District 38. CD 38 is one of the new majority white districts created during the 2021 redistricting despite the census data showing the population growth was primarily people of color. The census reports whites are 45% of the population but control 70% of the congressional districts. It should be no surprise that the current maps are still being reviewed by a federal court. All the districts targeted for redistricting are majority people of color districts. Texas has intentionally discriminated against voters of color for the past 50 years. This bogus redistrict attempt piles discrimination on top of discrimination.

Texas has a multitude of problems that require legislative focus. The main one for this session is the devastating flood and multitude of deaths that happened along the Guadalupe River. Lawmakers have continuously ignored this area. HEB managed to get to the flood torn area a full 3 days before FEMA showed up. We must not allow this to be swept under the rug again by our leaders on the state & federal levels who continue to fail us.

Instead of focusing on the problems of Texas, Greg Abbott & Donald Trump have decided it's time to redistrict Texas in an attempt to maintain & increase power for an incompetent administration. An administration who not only was slow to respond to the devastating flood on the Guadalupe but are using FEMA funds to build detention centers for immigrants with hurricane season just beginning.

What has happened to the Texas spirit of Independence? Where are the people who demand 'state's rights'. And, WHERE are these proposed maps? This is another blatant attempt to silence more voters especially people of color.

Texas must solve our state's problems rather than silencing the voters of Texas to satisfy Washington DC. The legislature needs to refuse to conduct redistricting mid-decade & concentrate on issues that matter to Texans.

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