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Message:

The notion that the Texas Legislature would consider mid-decade redistricting while Texans recover from the July 4th floods is not only tone-deaf, but an outrageous betrayal of public trust.

Redistricting at this moment is a cynical political move distracting from the urgent needs of everyday Texans, many still without power, homes, or basic supplies.

Simply put: Focus on foods, not redistricting.

The state is in crisis. It is poor leadership to force new representatives on the people of Texas while still recovering from floods.

Let's be serious. Redistricting came out of nowhere, and now it's the number one agenda item – ahead of flood relief. The Legislature is shoving redistricting down Texans' throats – Republicans, Democrats, Libertarians, and Independents alike.

This is not a homegrown initiative. A frightened White House fears for its narrow Congressional majority, and, like carpetbaggers, has ordered Gov Abbott and the Texas GOP to "find" four or five new seats. Sounds like Georgia, where the GOP presidential candidate in 2021 told state leaders to "find" another 11,780 votes. Déjà vu much?

Why are they so scared? Because they know that Americans despise and, in an honest election, will reject their cruel and ineffective policies.

The lame excuse driving this mid-cycle redistricting is the outrageous claim by the US Department of Justice that four congressional districts established in 2001 and representing communities with majority Black and/or Latino residents, are "unconstitutional racial gerrymanders."

But the DOJ sued Texas over the 2021 maps, claiming those were unconstitutional gerrymanders. The DOJ just dropped that lawsuit the other day.

State leaders have consistently denied that the districts were racially drawn. State Senator Joan Huffman, who chaired the 2021 Senate Redistricting Committee, even

testified that race was not a factor in drawing the maps.

Now, suddenly, the party line has done a 180. In a dizzying turnabout, Gov Abbott is reported as “acknowledging concerns that some districts were drawn “along strict racial lines.”

Is this another example of “alternate realities”?

Who was lying which time?

It is obvious that the White House fears the voice of the people, and seeks more collaborators in Congress to cushion its fraught majority.

It won't work.

If the Legislature follows the White House's orders, it will deny Latino and Black voters an equal opportunity to participate in the electoral process. Your vote to redistrict will clearly disenfranchise people, solely to secure power unethically.

Power belongs to the people. You can only have it if we the people choose to give it to you in a fair election.

Legislators, you work for the people of Texas – not Donald Trump.

Texas Legislators, don't use your votes to unethically perpetuate the power of a single party. That is not what democracy should look like.

Redistricting helps politicians, not Texans. Do your job. Help Texans.

