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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Texas Hope, Hispanic organized for political education is a Hispanic legislative, strike – force whose purpose is to increase the involvement of Hispanics in all aspects of politics in Texas to create and pass policy which addresses the issues of the Hispanic community through constructive and meaningful dialogue and legislation. As Hispanics continue to drive the population growth of the state of Texas that is now a majority minority state, the community is kindly aware of the impact that the redistricting process has on the ability of the Hispanic community to elect a candidate of their choice to best address those issues important to the community.

Texas Hope is deeply concerned that ability to elect a candidate of choice for the Hispanic community will be further. I wrote it during this called special session where Governor Abbott has placed congressional redistricting as an agenda item; this breaks with the conventional process of redistricting which normally occurs following a decennial census count rather than mid – decade. We are further concerned with the DOJ's letter to the state of Texas asserting that Texas created certain congressional districts with race as a primary factor; this act that could have been mitigated if section 5 of the voting rights act still applied to Texas.

Texas has been in litigation with a Hispanic community since 1975 after every decennial census count due to its continued policies of denying the Hispanic community, the ability to elect candidate's of its choice throughout the state, especially in those areas where growth of the Hispanic community occurs. Texas Hope welcomes a new opportunity for the state legislators to remedy it's maps, if the result is to protect the gains made by the Hispanic

community, as well as to increase the number of congressional districts that can elect candidates of choice for the Hispanic community in reflection of the continued growth of Hispanics in Texas.