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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I am represented by U. S. House District 34, currently represented by Vicente Gonzalez.

I object to the very rushed redistricting effort underway in the Texas Special Session for several reasons: Since the maps were made available on Sunday and the first hearings are today, July 24, this is, indeed, a very rushed process. This is a deliberate attempt to avoid facing what the voters want and cramming it down our throats whether we like it or not. The current map allowed for Black persons to be elected with the current distribution trying to isolate the Black vote to one district. The new map will disrupt neighborhoods, cities and communities, and the person elected will not represent fairly the persons in that community. I can see that District 34 will be reduced in size so that the new districts can be carved out.

If this redistricting is truly fair due to the increase in population in Texas since 2020, then why aren't the Senate, State and Judicial maps also being redrawn. This is a deliberate attempt to cheat at the elections.

I want to see fair district maps drawn. The Legislature should give up the right to draw maps in favor of a commission, and that commission should take at least six months or more to create the maps. It should not be a rushed two week process as if the results were foregone conclusions.

Additionally, the cost to the taxpayers due to the increased cost of running the election is not being taken into consideration. New maps have to be printed, new elector cards have to be printed for every existing registered voter, additional ballots for additional US House only district races will have to be printed and managed, and it is likely that every Representative will have to run again within their own district due to the changed boundaries. Please don't cram this extra cost onto the counties.

Respectfully,
Susan Halvorsen

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