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Regarding: ALL

Message:
Hello,

I am writing as a voter in a Democrat-gerrymandered District (#14, to submit my comments for consideration in the Redistricting process.

I absolutely do not believe that there should be any "independent" commission established to re- draw the District maps. It should only be done by our elected Representatives, who are accountable to us as constituents. Appointed Commissioners would never have the accountability that elected Legislators would.

Districts should not be drawn based on race or ethnicity, which would simply create silos of division and be unconstitutional.

Finally, the needs of urban areas are very different than the needs of rural areas. We are not only competing for resources, but also basic representation, when a rural area is gerrymandered in with a disproportionately sized (registered voters) urban area. There should be an appropriate balance, so that rural constituents are not disenfranchised. One example would be the election of the Texas SD-14 Senator, which had 119,350 total votes. If every registered voter in Bastrop County voted (approximately 49,000) we could not have made any difference in the outcome of the election. Because of this, we are disenfranchised.

Sincerely,
Heidi Hahn-Troxler

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