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Regarding: Senate

Message:

I am a member of the fast growing South Asian community in Collin County. I live in Precinct 69, Plano, Collin County. I worked at the Collin County Community College as Executive Director, Information Technology and retired a few years ago. I live, worship and shop in Plano. Our community had made very significant contributions to the local economy by providing highly skilled professionals in healthcare, Information Technology, Engineering, business and numerous other professional fields. Our community members have established new Hindu temples like Ram Mandir and Ganesh temple in Plano, numerous South Asian restaurants, salons and small businesses in the area. Our community is very seriously interested in issues like education, effective COVID-19 Management, threat of racial abuse and violence against the minorities and sensible gun law reforms.

Asians contributed very heavily to the population growth in Collin County and overall in Texas. However, the newly proposed map dilute the voting strength of the Asian population by combining the suburban areas with rural areas who have very few things in common with us. I am listing the racial break down of the voting district in my precinct below:

Texas Senate District 8

Existing demographics:

Anglo: 47.3%

Non-Anglo: 52.7%

Asian : 21.3%

Proposed Map Demographics:

Anglo: 54.3%

Non-Anglo: 45.7%

Asian: 15.7%

I respectfully urge you to follow the Voting Rights Act which forbids racial gerrymandering of voting districts. As the demographic data in proposed map clearly shows that this map blatantly ignores the Voting Rights Act. For too long, we, the Asian voters have been broken up to deny us a fair representation in choosing our elected representatives to represent us in the elected chamber of the Texas Senate

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