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Message:

As a Bastrop County voter, there are a number of redistricting issues I want to address.

- 1) I do NOT want some so-called independent commission putting together the plan. Only legislators, whose job it is, should be involved, as they are accountable to voters, unlike the proposed commission.
- 2) Rural/small town counties such as Bastrop get short shrift when dumped into urban, left-leaning districts such as Travis County. The unique needs of our county get ignored. These include services such as fire, ambulance, law enforcement, etc, which are available to densely populated areas and stretched too thin in our rural areas.
- 3) Water is a precious resource in Texas, especially in counties such as ours that is largely agricultural. Selling our groundwater to places like Austin undercuts a vital portion of our economy. The swimming-pool-and-water-feature lifestyle of urban areas should not take precedence when it comes to water availability.
- 4) I am aware that some ethnic groups are agitating for their 'own' representatives. What happened to the previous agitation for 'diversity and inclusion'? Have we ceased to be AMERICANS and built our own little silos around certain groups? Don't let this happen.
- 5) Rural counties should be in districts that represent rural interests, not lumped with urban areas, where we get disenfranchised and ignored and neglected.

Thank you for listening.

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