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Regarding: Census

Message:

My name is Sally Clark Farris. Although I now reside in San Antonio, I was born in Corpus Christi in 1942 where my family made its living in the party fishing, motel, and excursion boat business from 1932 until about 2012. I am a retired local government lawyer.

Here is my concern for my beloved birthplace, the "Sparkling City by the Sea" a jewel in the crown of the Body of Christ.

After the last redistricting cycle, the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County were viewed by the courts as having been effectively "cracked and packed." It was done legally on account of permissible partisanship, not racial motivation.

Yet, our majority Hispanic community was diminished from 70% to 40% in the resulting Congressional district.

Further, that reconfiguration and others damaged our community in ways that cannot be measured in racial or ethnic terms. The additional new boundaries for our various political districts wrongfully put the lower Texas coast, Nueces County and Corpus Christi, into the purview of the heavily industrialized\petrochemical culture of the northern coast, without regard for our diversified recreational enterprises and environmental needs.

Largely as a result of that Congressional misalignment, the Coastal Bend is now in the midst of a tidal wave of proposed industrial build outs that many people in Corpus Christi view as incompatible with our economy and detrimental to our health. This controversy is now roiling our community.

One of the considerations we urge you to take into account in effecting new boundaries, or ratify existing boundaries, to maintain incumbency, is the incredulity and incompatibility of Corpus Christi's being in a community of interest with Beaumont, Texas City, and Port Lavaca. The gerrymandering forms a graphic central reach toward Bastrop.

To the contrary, our community of interest is southerly, it is not northerly among refinery based economies. Only 7.4% of our work force is employed by petrochemical manufacturing.

Aside from culture and economics, Corpus Christi is further bonded to South Padre Island by

geography, by the Island itself, an expansive, critical protective barrier running from above Corpus Christi to Brownville. Clearly, our continuing to be Congressionally married to Victoria and industrial parts northward is antithetical to our economic, cultural, and health needs. We belong in a Congressional district that honors our needs, our very survival, by placing us where we deserve to be, in concert with Brownsville, not Victoria and Bastrop.

Thank you for considering my input.

