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Message:
Hello,

Thanks for hosting public comment. My name is Andrew Cobb and I am a lifelong Houstonian and current resident 5th Ward Houston, Fifth Ward in Houston, TX in Harris County, state house district 142, state senate district 13, and US house district 18, a Historic African American community.

I have spent the last 3 years doing disaster recovery due to Hurricane Harvey and have seen how state money does not always reach those who need it the most. I have seen people living in mold years after the storm. Sewer lines backed up from poor infrastructure. Lack of functional drainage. All in low income African American and Latino neighborhoods. This is not what I saw growing up near Meyerland Texas, as a young white man. It does indeed flood over there, but the infrastructure does not have glaring flaws, and when they are noted, there is an attempt to fix them.

It is important to me that the committee

- Follow the law and not subvert the Voting Rights act
- The public should have ample time and opportunity to see the process, comment on it and have its feedback integrated
- There should be a specific analysis of the district maps on black, indigenous and people of color communities
- Finally, I think it is important that the maps not be drawn by politicians, but instead by a citizen independent coalition, as is being done in other states around the country.