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League of United Latin American Citizens Testimony Senate Select Committee on Redistricting (March 12, 2021)

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Consistent with established law and precedent, all legislative, congressional and SBOE districts must meet two basic criteria outlined in the U.S. Constitution and federal law: equal or near-equal populations and preservation of the right to vote regardless of race, color or language. "One- Person, One -Vote" is LULAC's guiding principle.

In Texas, this maxim deems that districts should be drawn in a manner that reflects the growth the state has gained as a result of its fast-growing minority and Hispanic population. Districts should maximize minority and Latino leadership representation and participation for Congress, the Senate, the House, Courts and the State Board of Education. To the extent

consistent with existing law and precedent, redistricting should also consider communities of interest, natural boundaries and relevant local/regional considerations including contiguity.

Of paramount importance, districts should be drawn in a manner to prevent racial and political gerrymandering for the protection of incumbents and to predetermine partisan electoral outcome.

State LULAC will monitor the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting and other redistricting proceedings and action to ensure and defend the voting rights of minorities and Latinos in the state of Texas. Minority rights should not be subordinated in order to facilitate political expediency.

Thank you. We look forward to working with you.

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