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Message:

According to the 2020 Census, 95% of population growth in Texas came from communities of color in suburban and urban communities. The proposed map does not reflect this fact.

The House map proposal reduces the strength of numerous districts that are currently electing candidates of choice. Under the new proposal, the map adds six more districts where white residents make up the majority of eligible voters while the number of Hispanic and Black districts would each drop by three.

I would also like to remind the Committee of Judge Rodriguez's remarks during the Section 3 bail-in hearing held recently in 2019, when he asked if the Texas Attorney General's office could guarantee that lawmakers would not repeat abuses the court had criticized in the 2011 redistricting effort. Judge Rodriguez warned, "that, given the record produced in 2011, the State must implement a process that, by any reasonable definition, is 'fair and open'."

The Court further stated:

"Even without being subject to pre-clearance, Texas must still comply with the requirements of the Fourteenth Amendment and Section 2 of the VRA in the upcoming redistricting cycle, and undoubtedly its plans will be subject to judicial scrutiny. Texas would be well advised to conduct its redistricting process openly..."

Again, Texas lawmakers have failed to provide Texans with an open, fair, and transparent process that affords time for proper deliberation and community input. The House map proposal was released a mere four days before the hearing, making it extremely difficult for the public to notify their communities about the maps, let alone determine their potential impact.

Furthermore, the first hearing on the State House map proposal is being held at the exact same time that the Senate is holding a hearing for amendments on the Congressional map proposal.

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