

Attn :The honorable Lt. Governor of the State of Texas Dan Patrick

4/20/23

Dear Honorable Lt. Governor Patrick,

We're writing this letter because there might be a chance for redistricting in Hidalgo County for the current legislative session. In the Hidalgo County State Representative Districts (SRD'S) there has been almost no competition for public office between the Democrat and Republican parties. ( See exhibit A ) Since 2014 - 2022 elections SRD'S 35, 39 and 40 there has been only one race between the two parties in each district ( Exhibit A ). There have been no races between the two parties in district 36. The 2018 and the 2022 election cycles are both non presidential election cycles and therefore similar in comparison. In 2018 there were more votes cast in SRD'S 35 and 41 then in the 2022 election cycle. ( Exhibit A ) An extremely disturbing trend for our County and State. Indeed only 34.36 % of registered voters in Hidalgo County voted in the 2022 election.


In the 2022 election cycle a documentary film crew came to film an organization that came to Hidalgo County to register voters. What their documentary ended up being about was the apathy and cynicism of people of voting age in our county due to the lack of political competition between the Republican and Democrat parties instead of the registration of voters that it was initially meant to be about. So sad.

In the 2022 election the Republican challengers got 32.71 % of the vote in SRD 35. In SRD 39 the Republican challenger got 35.31 %. SRD'S 36 and 40 unfortunately were uncontested. ( Exhibit A )


The only bright spot in the county that maybe can change the political cynicism and apathy that exists in our county is SRD 41. SRD 41 is the only SRD that has been close to being politically competitive between the two parties in the 2014-2022 election time frame that was used in this letter. The Republican candidates got the following results in SRD 41. 2014 42 % , 2016 43.22% , 2018 38.51% , 2020 42.13% , 2022 43.03% . See ( Exhibit A ). In order to combat the voter cynicism and apathy in our political process in Hidalgo County we are proposing the following change by redistricting. We propose adding Hidalgo County precincts 89, 101, 215 ,230 and 236 to SRD 41. These precincts are more similar demographically to SRD 41 than the SRD'S they are currently in. Adding them to SRD 41 should make it an even more competitive SRD. The redistricting committee could have their experts redistrict less competitive precincts to the other SRD'S in the county which at this time are non competitive.

In conclusion adding the precincts recommended to SRD 41 should make it a more competitive SRD between the two parties. This should hopefully turn around the voter apathy and cynicism we are currently experiencing in the county elections. Political competition in our county will be good for our county, our state and our country. We hope and pray that you will make these positive changes we are recommending. Thank you

Sincerely

  
Oscar Rosa

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JOHN R. GUERRA, D.D.

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Will G. DeShazo

Exhibit A

Tx State Representative Elections 2014

Total Votes

District	35	Oscar Longoria D	no opposition		7348	100%
Dist.	36	Sergio Munoz Jr D	no opposition		12,055	100%
Dist.	39	Armando " Mando" Martinez D	no opposition		14,409	100%
Dist,	40	Terry Canales D	no opposition		11,998	100%
Dist.	41	Elijah Israel Casas R		8539	42.54%	
		41 Bobby Guerra		11,532	57.46	
		41 Total Votes				20,071

Tx State Representative Elections 2016

Dist.	35	Oscar Longoria D	no opposition		14,691	100%
Dist.	36	Sergio Munoz Jr. D	no opposition		29,633	100%
Dist.	39	Armando " Mando" Martinez			29,713	100%
Dist.	40	Maricela "Mare" De Leon R		8266	26.22 %	
		40 Terry Canales D		23,257	73.78%	
		40 Total Votes				31,523 100%
Dist	41	Hilda Garza De Shazo R		18,924	43.22%	
		41 Bobby Guerra D		24,863	56.78%	
		41 Total Votes				43,787 100%

Tx State Representative Elections 2018

Dist.	35	Oscar Longoria D	no opposition		14,011	100%
Dist.	36	Sergio Munoz Jr. D	no opposition		25,971	100%
Dist.	39	Armando "Mando" Martinez D	no opposition		25,822	100%
Dist.	40	Terry Canales D	no opposition		24,252	100%
Dist	41	Hilda Garza De Shazo R		15,535	38.51%	
		41 Bobby Guerra D		24,804	61.49%	
		41 Total Votes				40,339 100%

Tx State Representative Elections 2020

Dist.	35	Oscar Longoria D	no opposition		18,122	100%
Dist.	36	Sergio Munoz Jr. D	no opposition		36,564	100%
Dist	39	Armando " Mando" Martinez D	no opposition		36,860	100%
Dist.	40	Terry Canales D	no opposition		34,576	100%
Dist	41	John Doc Guerra R		23,366	42.13 %	
		41 Bobby Guerra D		32,097	57.87%	
		41 Total Votes				55,463 100%

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Tx, State Representative Elections 2022

Total Votes

Dist. 35	Oscar Rosa R	4383	32.71%	
	35 Oscar Longoria D	9016	67.29%	
	35 Total Votes			13,399 100%
Disr. 36	Sergio Munoz Jr D		no opposition	
Dist 39	Jimmie Garcia R	10,385	35.31%	
	39 Armando "Mando" Martinez D	19,027	64.69%	
	39 Total Votes			29,412 100%
Dist. 40	Terry Canales D		no opposition	
Dist 41	John Doc Guerra R	16,883	43.03%	
	41 Bobby Guerra D	22,352	56.97%	
	41 Total Votes			39,235 100%

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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Please submit the below attached file to the hearings on HB 1000 that the Senate is meeting on concerning redistricting. Thank you Gary Groves

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