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Message:

Dear Senate Special Committee on Redistricting, I do not envy your job at all. In a divided partisan country it is impossible to placate everyone. I wish all of you the best.

Redistricting is about dividing our state's constituents into plots of land. It might be helpful to look at different traditions of agricultural land development. We tend to organize counties & cities into square grids, which is very British in origin. Redistricting tends to follow that model.

But French colonials used a different system that involved dividing land into long narrow slices, called the seigneurial system. You can see this in parts of France, Louisiana & Quebec. If you look at plantations along the Mississippi River near New Orleans, you'll see they're these trapezoid shaped slices along the rolling landscape. It is a different way of dividing agricultural land than the squares & rectangles that cover much of the US. Texans are not equally distributed in square grids across the state. The French manor system might help formulate districts in TX urban & suburban areas.

Thank you,
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For reference:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seigneurial_system_of_New_France

https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Food-Production-and-Allocation-in-Kamp-1830-GJNV-yr_fig4_315084251

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