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Thank you for doing your jobs, but please do them in a fair and transparent manner.

Texas legislators must hold additional hearings that allow public input and create a new Senate map that reflects community input and the census data.

The Texas Senate must provide the public an option for virtual testimony throughout the entire special session to protect the health and safety of all Texans. The public has the right to be a part of the legislative process.

Any amendments offered to a map proposal must be presented at least 5 days in advance of any vote to allow for the public to analyze the proposed amendments and advocate for or against them.

Not one redistricting map in Texas has complied with the Voting Rights Act since the VRA was passed in 1965. Democrats and Republicans must turn their backs on the obvious and documented racism of the past and refuse to rubber stamp racist maps.

The Census is clear 95% of all growth in Texas occurred in the AA, Latino, and AAPI communities. Any fair map must reflect the diversity of our state. What this means - there should be more districts where people of color can choose elected officials that share their background and values. Any map that doesn't do that is a flawed map. Senate District 16 is a clear example of splitting for partisan gain.

Maps currently proposed by the Senate for TX Senate District 16 would make it decidedly less diverse than it is currently.

Map lines have broken up neighborhoods and communities of interest for partisan gain. In the proposed Senate maps, a portion of District 16 has been carved out from Preston Hollow and Highland Park areas and put into District 12, however our neighbors with shared social, religious, and economic interests remain in District 16.

I ask that you keep our community together, those who are unfairly drawn out of District 16 into District 12 for partisan purposes will be better served if they share a Texas Senator with their neighbors. Texans who live in a densely populated urban area of Dallas do not share a majority of commonalities with their more rural neighbors in Wise County.

For the Jewish Community it is important for us to work together to advocate for the values we want to be reflected in our community. In the proposed maps, the Jewish Community Center of Dallas remains in District 16, but our Jewish neighbors and local synagogues including Temple Emanu-El, Temple Shalom and Congregation Shearith Israel have been reassigned to District 12, clearly splitting our community and our ability to work with our elected officials to address important issues such as anti-Semitism, supporting our neighbors Vickery Meadow (District 16) and more.

Please consider what is best for voters. Voters need to choose their elected officials, not the other way around.

