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Commission Meeting

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Comments:

I do not support the proposed new plans for redistricting, as I see them as a poorly disguised attempt to pack and crack districts to avoid a true democratic process. Fair representation is the core of the democracy that the USA was founded up and allows that voters select their representatives, not the other way around. Putting all the Native American peoples into one district lumps together diverse cultures and communities who should have a right, individually, to participate in selection of more than one representative; it is prejudicial treatment to limit the Native American population to one district. The current plan does not,

The process should also respect geographic boundaries, where possible, which these proposed plans do not. The clear intent of the plans is partisan and serves only to further polarize constituents of what should be a democratically functioning Commission. These plans pack one district with the Native American population, and cracks Corrales, both forms of gerrymandering, an evil that constrains fair representation.

I call on the Commission to stand for democratic principles, not partisan interests, and oppose the plans prepared by the NM Demographic Research.