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MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
From: Ray Rodrigues
Subject: Amendments to SJR 100 and SB 102
Date: January 11, 2022

As referenced in prior communications, SJR 100, Joint Resolution of Apportionment, and SB 102, Establishing the Congressional Districts of the State, were noticed for Thursday's meeting of the Committee on Reapportionment.

I would like to commend the members of the Select Subcommittees on Congressional and Legislative Reapportionment for their efforts in developing plans consistent with all legal requirements and with the directives issued to staff by the full committee. After reviewing the recommendations of the select subcommittees with staff and counsel, I have filed amendments to SJR 100 and SB 102 for review, discussion, and consideration by the full committee on Thursday, January 13. The substance of my amendments are Congressional plan S000C8040 and Senate plan S000S8046, which I believe most consistently adhere to the directives issued to staff by the full committee.

Committee members may also file amendments. Due to the highly technical nature and complex legal requirements, drafting maps can take a considerable amount of time. As such, I am requesting that any Senators in need of assistance reach out to staff as soon as possible to ensure ample time for staff to address your request, draft your map, and post it to the website for review prior to the next committee meeting. I would respectfully ask Senators to follow the example set by committee staff in preparing and publishing their proposed amendments well before the amendment deadline of January 12th to ensure that our colleagues and the public have ample time to review them before the committee meets.

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The Committee will take up any timely filed amendments, questions, debate, and public testimony on both the state senate and congressional maps. The congressional map will be considered first, before moving on to consideration of the Senate map.

As noted in prior communications, for the Senate map, I will propose to the committee that we follow the Supreme Court's precedent by numbering districts in an incumbent neutral manner. The Court has accepted a random-numbering process as compliant with its precedent. Accordingly, once we have concluded our consideration on the geographical makeup of the Senate map, we will randomly number the Senate map.

Forty cards have been produced. Each card is the same size and weight. There are 20 cards labeled "even" and 20 cards labeled "odd". Each card will be placed in an envelope. There are no distinguishing features on any envelope. No card is visible in any way from the outside of any envelope.

The Secretary of the Senate will place the envelopes in a glass container with a lid and manually mix the cards before and after placing them in the container to ensure there was no possibility of an intentional pattern with which the cards were laid in the container. The Secretary will present the closed container to the committee on Thursday.

Prior to the committee's final vote on the Senate map, each district will have a card drawn from the container to designate it as an odd or even numbered district. After the random numbering has been completed, we will have an informal recess so that committee staff can prepare an amendment to overlay the new district numbers on the finalized map. From a process standpoint, the numbering overlay will take the form of a late-filed substitute amendment. Please be prepared for a recess of approximately one hour before the Committee's final procedural vote on the Senate map as randomly renumbered.