

WIN A DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY

Texas State House 2020

Once in a *Decade* Opportunity – Redistricting*

Why Does It Matter?

Get a Majority

- ❖ **Have 'A Seat at the Table' for Redistricting.*** We MUST participate in revising the electoral maps for the next decade; Determines seats for TX Legislature and US Congress.
- ❖ **Progress Where it Counts:**
 - ☑ Policing, Criminal Justice Reform
 - ☑ Pandemic Management, Healthcare
 - ☑ Public Education
 - ☑ Climate Change
 - ☑ Reproductive Rights
 - ☑ True Equality for All Texans



Don't Get a Majority

- ❖ **Gerrymandered Districts another 10 years!** Our government won't truly represent us, or pass legislation we support.
- ❖ **Continue Right-Wing Extremist Agenda:**
 - ☒ Medicaid. No federal funds to expand, denying health care coverage to uninsured.
 - ☒ Healthcare. Does not support, despite TX having highest rate of uninsured in the US.
 - ☒ Women's-Health programs. Defunded, leading to high maternal mortality and limits on Reproductive Choice.
 - ☒ Education. Defunded special education, inadequately funded public education.
 - ☒ Business Community. AT&T, IBM, American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Texas Instruments, and others vigorously opposed legislation like the 'Bathroom Bill' as discriminatory, and criticized the extremist, racist and intolerant views.
 - ☒ Open hostility to same-sex marriage and undocumented immigrants.

*Redistricting is a process of redrawing electoral district boundaries to guarantee equal voter representation. Gerrymandered districts are created to skew districts towards one party. They're characterized by less compact, 'squiggly' boundaries. In Texas, the data show due to gerrymandering, Republicans receive two extra seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. (*Houston Chronicle*).

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Is It Doable? Absolutely.

In 2018

- ❖ **12 SEATS FLIPPED TO DEMOCRAT.**
Dems made strong gains, even though our candidates were hugely outspent: \$7.6m (R), to \$1.5m (D).
- ❖ **BETO WON A MAJORITY.**
If we'd won every house seat in all the districts Beto won (76 out of 150), we'd have a majority. Plus, he was within 4 points of wins in 9 additional districts.

In 2020

- ❖ **REPUBLICANS RETREATING!**
Republican incumbents are NOT seeking reelection in 5 of 17 targeted seats! We only need 9 more seats to win a majority.
- ❖ **WITHIN SINGLE DIGITS.** In the 17 seats we're targeting (in addition to protecting our 12 wins from 2018) we only lost by single digits.
- ❖ **TALENT, TEAM, DATA.** We have strong candidates and a strategic, data-driven organization led by Texas State Rep and Chair of the Texas House Democratic Campaign Committee, Celia Israel.
- ❖ **INSIDERS SMELL VICTORY.** The DLCC*, Emily's List, other national groups and even individuals from *other* states are investing in this effort. We Texans must do our part and CRUSH IT!



YOU CAN HELP – JOIN OUR GIVING CIRCLE!

* The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (DLCC) is the U.S. Democratic Party organization that works to elect Democrats to state legislatures.