

Dear Tom,

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify the issue of the Democrat majority on Fort Bend County Commissioners Court redistricting me out of my home.

The video supplied to you is deceptive and out of context because it compares apples to oranges. In the 2021 video, I spoke about my proposed redistricting map for Precinct 3's boundaries in the northern part of the county, not the current precinct map, which is significantly different.

Shortly after receiving the redistricting data in 2021, my wife Janet was diagnosed with a terminal illness. The prognosis from the medical experts was that she would live about 4 or 5 more years.

Her illness made it impossible for her to drive and difficult for her to travel.

She wanted to be closer to our daughter and grandchildren, who live in Katy, some 45 minutes from our home in Sugar Land. So, I was attempting to grant her one of her last wishes.

Before redistricting, the Katy area was the main part of my precinct. We started making plans to rent closer to our granddaughters, then 12 and 13, so they could walk or ride their bikes to visit with her at their convenience. By doing so, she could see them often and build lasting memories. I intended to move back into our family home in Sugar Land at some point in the future.

I drafted a redistricting plan that left me in the Katy area but would move me out of my Sugar Land home to allow Janet to be closer to her grandkids.

However, during Commissioners Court's consideration of various redistricting plans and a pending vote on one of the plans, the Democrat majority, at the last minute, submitted a never-before-seen plan that had received no input from the community or review by members of Commissioners Court. This new plan moved me out of my home and the precinct out of the Katy area.

Additionally, this new plan, which was approved on a 3 to 2 partisan vote, prevented me from moving my wife near her grandkids unless I resigned from office. Janet was bitterly disappointed and heartbroken that she would not be able to see her grandkids as often as she otherwise could have. She died 14 months after the vote on redistricting.

Before Janet died, my daughter moved into our Sugar Land home to assist with the care of my wife. So, this issue also affects her. She also wants to remain in the family home in Sugar Land.

In the plan I presented to Commissioner's Court on April 11, 2023, I was simply trying to move the home that my now deceased wife and I shared for 47 years back into my precinct with the least change in boundaries and population as possible, so I would not have to move to run for reelection.

Thank you,

Andy Meyers

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