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Subject: the new maps are really good

Message Body:

I was really impressed by the new district maps in reviewing them online. They really feel right in terms of how they map to natural population clusters and thus to meaningful communities. I know there's been some criticism of not carving out districts that give various ethnic groups guaranteed majorities, but that would be a step back away from the whole point, which is to reflect the communities people live in. As we are not a minority-majority state, the positive reality is that people live in increasingly mixed communities, not in separate ghettos, and creating political ghettos to take their place seems like a perpetuation of racism. Where ethnic and other groups naturally stick together to form strong geographic communities, the district maps seem to honor those well. Great job!

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