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I am one of the many in the County who are interested in a fair and inclusive process to draw new district lines. I applied for the commission based on my 47 years living and working throughout the County, including serving on two Countywide advisory boards.

After submitting my application, it was acknowledged by staff, but then weeks went by with no communication. On Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, a friend told me the list was out but I wasn't on it. I emailed asking for clarification and heard nothing. Another week later, I sent a 2<sup>nd</sup> email and finally got a response that I was qualified, but not one of the 45 most qualified applicants.

Although I believe I'm highly qualified, I'd be fine with others serving if they were representative of our County. Looking at the list of applicants, it appears to be heavily weighted towards men while I understand our County is 50-50. Also, there are just a few Latino applicants who are being considered which seems contrary to the intent.

I believe the County deserves a fair, transparent and representative commission and I don't believe the process to date has checked any of those boxes.

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