

Turn purple now

Re: "Texas playing reduced role," Front Page, Monday.

Your headline is right. Neither political party cares about us because both know we will vote Republican. So why bother with us?

At the Republican convention, our delegation was 35 miles from the hall and the Democratic delegation was 20 miles away. We are being snubbed.

This will probably continue since we are solidly red now. Yes, in several years the demographics will turn us blue. But we can't wait. Texas needs to become relevant again. We must turn purple now.

If we are to regain the national leadership and influence we deserve, we must act to gain it. That means Democrats need to be given a fighting chance to even the odds.

This is what it will take: We must redistrict fairly by getting two independents with no party baggage to set the lines. And we must recognize that there are fewer differences between parties than recognized. There is significant overlap now. For example, we have RINOs (Republicans In Name Only) who are liberal and we have DIPOs (Democrats In Party Only) who are conservative. Might as well be twins.

Texans arise. Let us consolidate our factions; let us exert our influence; let us return to leading our nation.

Start today. I call upon all Republicans to take a Democrat to lunch.

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