

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

SHANNON PEREZ, et al.

*Plaintiffs*

v.

STATE OF TEXAS, et al.

*Defendants*

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CIVIL ACTION NO.

5:11-CV-0360-OLG-JES-XR

[Lead Case]

**PEREZ PLAINTIFFS' ADVISORY TO THE COURT**

The Perez Plaintiffs tender this short advisory regarding the Supreme Court opinion in *Cooper v. Harris*. As pointed out in the recently filed brief from Congressman Cuellar, it is hugely supportive of plaintiffs' claims before this Court. Two additional matters are noteworthy.

The Court looked to general election returns to evaluate the efficacy of coalition districts, (slip op. at 5) "...in five successive general elections...all the candidates preferred by most African-American voters won their contests."

Secondly, the Court found to be reliable "circumstantial evidence that redistricters had access to racial, but not political, data at the 'block-by-block level'". (slip op. at 30). The Texas plans were drawn under similar circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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