

Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Knopp, CoChair Boshart Davis, CoChair Salinas, members of the House and Senate Redistricting Committee(s), Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide written testimony to the committee(s) about the upcoming redistricting ahead.

My name is John Meissinger and I live in Sherwood, Oregon, a small, but fast growing suburb of Portland. Let me tell you a little bit about my town. This town used to be a very small community. Over the years though, the population has grown a lot. The 2020 census confirmed this as Sherwood is now over 20 thousand residents. With upcoming redistricting on the horizon, I'd like to advocate for my community. As we are a fast growing community, I'd ask the committee to please take this into consideration when drawing which district Sherwood goes into. In my opinion, Sherwood needs to be together with McMinnville, Newberg, and Wilsonville. All three of these communities are fast growing and share a lot of similar interests. One interest is that these communities continue to see massive population increases. These towns are also seeing more businesses set up shop. Another key interest is the fact that Sherwood, Newberg and McMinnville all play each other in High School athletics. Sherwood and Wilsonville used to until Sherwood was moved to class 6A. A little side note: Sherwood used to have a major rivalry with Wilsonville.

I urge the committee not to split these communities of common interest when deciding how to draw the maps. I plan on writing the committee more.

Thank you

John Meissinger