

Co-Chair Taylor, and Salinas, Vice-Chairs, Knopp, and Boshart-Davis, and members of the redistricting committees.

For the record, my name is Ivette Pantoja and my pronouns are she/her/hers. I was born, raised, and currently live in Southeast Hillsboro -- which is located in Washington County; one of the fastest growing counties in the state, House District 24, Senate District 12 and Congressional District 1.

Generally speaking, I am supportive of both House and Senate Map C. My current House District and Senate district do not make any sense with the way Hillsboro has grown over the last decade. My part of Hillsboro is districted in with large parts of Yamhill, Polk, and even Benton County -- which are mostly if not completely disconnected from communities in Washington County and the values we hold here.

At its westernmost point, Map C's House District 29 follows the Washington County Boundary. This proposed district also encompasses more of Washington County than my current House District, preserving the city limits of Cornelius and Forest Grove -- which are more connected to Hillsboro than a community like McMinnville -- not only in geographic proximity, but also via major transportation links such as the Tualatin-Valley Highway or TriMet's public transportation system -- which has a bus line that passes through Hillsboro on its way out to Forest Grove.

In addition to this, I own a childcare business, and a majority of my clients come from Cornelius, Forest Grove, and Gaston. While Gaston may not be included in this proposed House District, a majority of the population centers my clients come from there -- and I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of an electoral community with families who I have established and built connections with as a small business owner.

As for congressional maps, I would prefer to see Proposal A be enacted. HWY 26 is a major transportation link that connects the North Coast to Washington County and vice versa, leading us to have similar transportation needs. In addition, Proposal A's Congressional District 1 encompasses many communities who could be devastated by the anticipated Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and who would rely on transportation links such as HWY26 or HWY 6 to flee eastward and away from our coastlines to seek refuge and support.

Thank you again for the time you're spending to get this right. These maps are a great start, and I hope that you will keep my thoughts in mind as you work to develop your finalized proposal. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

Sincerely,

Ivette Pantoja