

Co-Chairs Taylor, and Salinas, Vice-Chairs, Knopp, and Boshart-Davis, and members of the committee,

My name is Alana Eastling for the record, and my pronouns are she/her/hers. I'm here today to tell you about my neighborhood in SE Portland. Right now, it is in HD 42 and SD 21 as well as Congressional District 3.

The main thing that drew me to living in my neighborhood is Hawthorne. There's so much to do and see there. That's something I love about my part of Portland— there's a lot of thriving neighborhoods with unique attitudes and bustling commercial strips. That's very characteristic of this part of SE Portland.

One thing that doesn't make much sense to me about my current district is that Laurelhurst Park isn't in my district. I think it should be. Laurelhurst Park and the surrounding neighborhoods share a lot in common in terms of income, challenges, and commonalities. I also think Mt Tabor should be in my district. It's another local treasure surrounded by neighborhoods with a very similar culture. I like that House Map C has all these landmarks and neighborhoods actually unified in one district. When I think about folks that should share a district with myself, I think about the areas I have mentioned. Map A splits up the neighborhoods around Mt Tabor from the Neighborhoods around Laurelhurst Park. Map B does that too-- it puts a dividing line right there on Chavez and Oak and one little residential area ends up being in three different house districts.

It's important to take into account making sure similar neighborhoods that are accessible through transportation are together in a district because we face similar issues. The city's response to our houseless community is one such issue folks in these neighborhoods I am mentioning all have on their minds. There was a big homeless sweep in Laurelhurst recently. It was really upsetting to see folks torn from the only semblance of a community they know. I bring this up because some local issues, like this one, require state representatives to be aware of and understand what is happening. That's why it's important to me that you see the neighborhoods I have mentioned as a common community who needs one representative that gets it.

I want to briefly comment on Congressional Proposals as well. Map B looks strange to me in regards to CD 3. I know it is pretty similar to how that District has been but a lot has changed in the last 10 years, and it is important that the maps reflect that.

In closing, thank you for hearing my thoughts. Please remember what I mentioned and what everyone here mentions today about their own neighborhoods when voting on final maps. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Alana Eastling