

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

My name is Marvin Lynn, my pronouns are he/him/his and I live in Tigard, where I've been for the past years. Currently that is within CD 1, HD 26, and SD 13.

First off, thanks to all for your hard work and for having these public hearings, it really helps to be able to let you know my reaction to these map proposals.

A little bit about my area. We're right by the beautiful Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. If you haven't gone, you should. Tigard has grown and changed a lot in the past 10 years— we have bustling public transit, and a max line. We also have some major transit links such as the 99W, the 210, and the 217 connecting us to other areas.

The Wilsonville Corridor is a major shopping Center for my community, just a short drive down I-5 — that's where Costco and other major department stores are located. Costco is also a major employer for the community— as is Tualatin Tigard Public Schools. Tigard and Washington County in general are getting more diverse. I see more and more affordable housing units getting built here, and more and more immigrant families joining our community.

I was thinking about my area in preparation today and thinking about how important it is to recognize the similarities and differences of communities when you draw your maps. For instance, Tualatin and Tigard— though we are close by — are actually pretty different places when you get to know them, specifically economically.

Senate Plan C recognizes those differences, but Plan B lumps them in together. Plan B in general pairs us with other places with different income levels and needs.

I would say the same thing about the proposed House plans. House Plan B pairs Tualatin and Tigard together again, and also it splits up the Bull Mountain area. Bull Mountain is a part of the city of Tigard and it makes sense for them to be connected as they are in Plan C.

I also looked at your Congressional maps. Plan A respects transportation links, such as how it keeps the communities linked by Pacific Highway (the 99 W). Plan B on the other hand splits those areas off from us and lumps us in more with communities to the East of. Overall, I want to advocate for Plan A for Congressional maps.

In closing, I'll just say thank you for your time and please think carefully about which of these plans you go with.

Sincerely,

Marvin Lynn