

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

For the record, my name is Miles Palacios and I use he/him/his pronouns. I live in Washington County and more specifically, the Bull Mountain neighborhood in Tigard. This area is located in what is currently House District 35, Senate District 18, and Congressional District 1.

This past Friday morning I took some time to look over the maps your committees proposed. I want to share my support for final proposals that more closely resemble House and Senate Maps C, and Congressional Map A.

One thing I appreciate about House Map C is that it keeps my current legislative district relatively intact. It begins to include more of Beaverton and Metzger, which are immediately adjacent to Tigard and share similar values in comparison to communities to south of us, such as King City and Durham -- where there are many wealthier, retirees with different priorities from the growing, increasingly diverse communities of families that make up the neighborhoods in and north of Tigard. I believe that, as far as keeping communities of interest together, both House and Senate Map C do a great job.

I run the Oregon Association of Student Councils, a non-profit that works with middle and high school students and educators across the state. My office is located in Salem and I travel HWY99 and HWY217 to get to I-5. Both HWY99 and 217, however, are main transportation routes that run through the heart of Tigard and are easily accessible to members of my community. They take us to and from areas with additional shopping centers and resources like Sherwood and Beaverton -- which are paired with Tigard in Senate Map C.

Some places I frequently visit in my community are downtown Tigard (and the farmer's market that takes place there), Cook Park and the Fanno Creek Trails, and Murray Hill, Progress Ridge, and King City -- all of which are located within Map C's proposed House or Senate district. Outdoor recreation is really popular in my area, too, and our communities in this area are served by the Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District.

Under Plan A of the proposed Congressional Districts, I would be within Oregon's *new* 6th Congressional District, along with other very residential communities such as Tualatin and Salem who have also seen a lot of growth in the past decade, and whose residents have become increasingly diverse. That makes a great deal of sense to me— it shows more respect for keeping communities of interest intact. That's something I hope you all consider.

In my work, I serve students and schools across the state, and due to this work, I understand the diversity, the complexity, and the interconnected nature of the many communities across Oregon. I thank you all for your work, I know it's a hard job, and thank you also for conducting this process in a way that gives voice to working Oregonians. Please remember the people you are hearing from today when finalizing these maps.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Miles Palacios