

Regarding redistricting plans for District 10, represented by David Gomberg:

Focus on the Coast, eliminate Polk and Yamhill Counties. Add Yachats, Tillamook, and coastal Tillamook County to the Clatsop County line. That's what I want.

The needs of the Coast are very different from the needs of the Valley. It's not fair to the folks in the Valley in our current district to be so outnumbered by Coastal needs. I don't know if the people in Sheridan or Falls City feel this way or not but it's a completely different world out here because tourism is such a major economic driver. Sheridan and Falls City just aren't in that situation. Tourism affects EVERYTHING, drives EVERYTHING here, drives EVERY major decision made by local City Councils and County Commissioners. That's just not the case for the Valley towns. Our current district set up isn't fair to the people in the Valley. As someone who was born and raised in the Valley, living there for 44 years, I understand the needs and concerns of the Valley including timber, agriculture, government and public service, and industry. I'm a native Oregonian and proud of it.

The needs, economy, businesses, lifestyle, and future quality of life for the people who live along the Coast are tied to tourism, whether we like it or not. Our current district plan orces the good people of Sheridan and Falls City, etc. to have to deal with that as well. Any future boundaries for District 10 should only reflect the Coast, otherwise we ourselves would be outnumbered and/or overwhelmed by the needs of people in the Valley and that won't work for us.

When it's hot in the Valley, the Valley people come here to get away from the heat. The population of Lincoln City (roughly 8900-9800 people in the off season) swells to 30,00-40,000 during the summer. All summer long. Vacation rental dwellings and second homes affect our housing crisis, yet provide jobs for local people and revenue for local businesses. Our services, amenities, businesses, employment, tax revenue, lifestyle, cultural concerns (both Tribal and non-Tribal), historical, and identity concerns are all tied to the Coast and the tourism that comes with it. Our streets, law enforcement, first responders and fire departments, two critical rural access hospitals, bridges, grocery stores, and much more get overwhelmed/overused/worn out/depleted by tourists. Our needs and desires for our common future are different from the needs of those who live in the Valley. We at the Coast would be more fairly represented if our district contained only the Coastal communities, rather than extend into the Valley. The needs of people in the Valley would be more fairly met if they didn't have to take the vastly different needs of the Coast into consideration. The only truly equitable plan is to focus on the Coast and the Coast only. It's the only fair way to allow citizens in both the Valley and at the Coast to get the representation that all of us deserve.

Sincerely,

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