

Oregon can't afford ten more years of unfair, partisan gerrymandering that denies people the chance for fair representation.

For example, currently 30% of the members of the Oregon House represent at least some portion of the City of Portland while the City of Portland represents only 15% of the total population of the state of Oregon? Portland should not have an outsized voice in our political process.

Some districts, such as House District 11, are clearly drawn to disenfranchise rural voters by reaching into Eugene in order to include a few urban, university precincts that drown out the voices of the rest of the community.

District maps should be drawn as follows;

Making sure that no district is drawn for the purposes of favoring any political party or Incumbent or diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group,

- Keeping counties and cities whole,
- Preserving communities of common interests,
- Ensuring that populations for each district be closely matched,
- Avoid crossing geographic or political boundaries.

Sincerely,

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