

Cochairs Taylor, Salinas, and Boshart-Davis, Vice chair Knopp, members of the redistricting committees

For the record my name is Barbara Casey, my pronouns are she, her and I live in Multnomah County HD 47 /SD 24 and Congressional District 3. I have resided in Portland for over 47 years. Thank you for your conscientious work on this committee, this is a complex process and thank you for allowing me to participate in this civics lesson.

My work with DHS Child Welfare brought me to many homes, families and communities throughout the 3 metropolitan counties, most often the "Eastside"- outer East County all along the I 84 and I 205 corridor. These are vibrant communities struggling to be less transient more permanent as many families put down roots there.

We live, work, shop and go to school and retire in these neighborhoods, we play in the parks and when we can enjoy the Columbia Gorge in all its beauty. Daily we take MAX and ride the bus lines. Though long underserved, community activism has brought about needed progress. Discovery Park, Nick Fish Housing, DHS Comprehensive Training and Service Center. Diverse populations, our newest citizens, are being served at IRCO- Immigration and Refugee Community Organization. Kaiser established the Gateway Clinic, Rockwood Clinic and its anchor Sunnyside Hospital and expanded their outreach.

Mapping the districts needs to reflect a reality and the needs of a community. Representation locally and in Salem has brought about safer traffic patterns, crosswalks and speed limits that we wanted. We need to increase the livability/ walk ability in my area and that comes with fostering a real sense of belonging after being invisible "East County" for too long.

Plan A for Congressional District 3 and Plan C for HD and SD makes sense. Plan A for Congressional District 3 strengthens communities, incorporating more of the East County area. And as population shifts it has become home to both long time families and its newer arrivals. The Plan C for House Districts and Senate Districts builds new beginnings and opportunities and keeps strong collaborative communities together uniting for common needs.

Again, thank you for your time and attention and the opportunity to share with you my thoughts as you do this important work for Oregon. I am happy to answer any questions.