

CITY OF NORTH PLAINS - Reconsideration of proposed *Oregon House Redistricting Plans*

Good evening. My name is Teri Lenahan and I am the Mayor of North Plains. I want to thank you for the work you are doing to make sure that every voice in Oregon has equal representation.

In consideration of the proposed House Plans excluding the City of North Plains from House District 30, and on behalf of my constituents and the City Council, I hereby submit valid and sound reasons for the reconsideration of the City of North Plains to be included in the House District 30; as follows:

EXCLUSION, DISCONNECTION & SEVERING

- *As proposed, the Oregon House Redistricting Plans exclude the City of North Plains and all of the planned urban growth areas adjacent to the city from House District 30, where the city currently resides.*
- *The Oregon House Redistricting Plans affect the continuity of representation of the City of North Plains interests for legislation at the state level.*
- *The Oregon House Redistricting Plans disconnect the City of North Plains from the greater 'metro area', our contracted police services with the Washington County Sheriff's Office, the City of Hillsboro who supplies our water, the Hillsboro School District who educates our youth and Clean Water Services who supplies our sewer services and the ensuing discussions regarding our planning, the diversification of our economic growth and statewide planning activities.*
- *The Oregon House Redistricting Plans will transfer our City planning goals and state representation to another District, which is counterproductive to the City of North Plains' current growth objectives in/around the City of North Plains.*
- *The proposed boundaries for the City of North Plains would shift us to House District 31 and are drawn in a way that represents largely rural interests and concerns, rather than the urban interests and concerns which are more closely related and tied to the Cities of Hillsboro, Beaverton and the urban interests of Washington County.*

REPRESENTATION IN THE LEGISLATURE

- *Current House District 30 Representative Sollman has proven she represents the interests of the City of North Plains and is therefore better positioned to continue to advocate in the state legislature for our interests and making the proposed change to exclude North Plains from House District 30 is unnecessary.*
- ***The boundaries as proposed by the legislature are not reflective of the City of North Plains' (actual/real) interests and the needs of North Plains as a city when future growth and proximity to the perimeter of the greater urban metropolitan area is considered. (see our boundary map for North Plains inclusion into House District 30)***
 - ***Proposed added boundary lines: Jackson School Road South of Hwy. 26 to Zion Church Rd, West to NW Kerkman Road, North to NW Dersham Rd North to NW Dairy Creek Road across the plane to intersect with NW Logie Trail Rd at the Multnomah County line.***
- ***Our city needs the legislature to see North Plains as more urban than rural city and that our interests are more closely aligned with urban issues in Washington County***

(such as growth, water resources, police services, planning, and education) than any of the proposed Districts.


- *I have spent the better part of the last five years bringing people to the table in North Plains to help us with our strategic plans for smart growth. I have formed relationship through my membership in the Metropolitan Mayors Consortium, the Washington County Coordinating Committee and the Oregon Mayors Association. While we are not in Metro, what Metro does in surrounding communities has an effect on the growth in my city and I intend to keep my finger on the pulse so that North Plains grows with integrity.*

SUMMARY

I am excited to say, that North Plains has experienced a rapid acceleration of growth which is diversifying our population. We are currently planning an urban growth boundary expansion which allows us to align our growth with our partners in Hillsboro and Washington County. We are investing an incredible amount of time and money into planning for future generations. We do not need to go backwards. Disconnecting the City of North Plains from House District 30 will sever the continuity of this process and **progress** we have garnered through the help of our partners from the City of Hillsboro, the Joint Water Commission, Hillsboro School District and Trimet's Ride Connection.

As Mayor of one of the best places to live in Washington County, Oregon, I ask you to please reconsider keeping North Plains within the current boundaries for House District 30 so that we can continue our work with the partners that we have trust and confidence in.

Thank you for your time.

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