

I live in Congressional District 3 in Welches/Rhododendron Area. I am most concerned with how State House District 52 is being split up in the three current proposals. It appears that all three proposals separates the City of Sandy from what we call the Mountain Community and in several plans, adds the communities of Moiser and The Dalles instead. Below are reasons why I oppose these plans.

Map C **separates Oregon Trail School District** into two different HD's. As stated in the hearing on September 3, school districts are not to be divided. Sandy middle school and Cedar Ridge School are in new HD 52; the rest of Sandy schools are in the new HD 18.

Map C **divides the city of Sandy**, placing the majority of Sandy in new HD 18. Sandy, as the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest growing city in Oregon will continue to expand its boundaries and its existing urban growth boundaries go beyond the current city boundaries. Several of Sandy's housing areas and city parks are in the new HD 52 while the rest are in the new HD 18.

Beyond dividing the City and school district boundaries, **communities of interest are divided**. The residents of the smaller mountain communities come to Sandy to shop, for medical services, to use the city's parks, gyms, social services, to attend school, and share other resources. The **transportation corridor connection**, Highway 26, connects the two community areas. The Sandy/Mt. Hood Transist system bus route provides a loop including Sandy, mountain communities and Hood River.

## **SOLUTION**

There is a simple fix for correcting the C map:

Place Sandy within HD 52 and remove the City of the Dalles from HD 52. The populations are similar in size.

This solution brings all of the City of Sandy back into one House District and the entire Oregon Trail School District back into one House District as well. It also reunites the Mountain Communities with the City of Sandy, which is advertised as and is proud to be the "**Gateway to the Mountain.**"

Thank You for the opportunity to review and provide input to this Redistricting process

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