

House Co-Chairs Salinas, Boshart-Davis, Senate Chair Taylor and Vice-Chair Knopp, and members of the redistricting committees,

My name is Diana Marquez Guerrero, my pronouns are she/they, and I was born and raised here in Salem. I also attended Willamette University and began getting involved with my community by volunteering/working with organizations like Causa and PCUN.

My current house district representative is Brian Clem and my senator is Peter Courtney. After graduating from Willamette University, I stayed in Salem because of my family and the diverse community here. Although I no longer live in my parent's home, I frequently visit them via Lancaster Drive where I can also stop by Miranda Bros bakery to buy pan dulce that my mom and I used to always visit when she would drop me off at McKay H.S. On my way home, I can also stop by El Torito Market to buy some cilantro and lemon that my mom might need at the last minute for dinner. NE Salem is home to these businesses and more that my family and I frequent because we know folks will speak our language and look like us. These businesses are part of the reason my parents decided to build a home and family in Salem after years of working as migrant farm workers along the West Coast.

I want to thank the legislature for working on redistricting as this process is going to affect the communities living in Salem for the next 10 years and beyond. Salem has a large number of Latinx families, like mine, and as a result, we have a growing number of Latinx businesses and other services that respond to the needs of our community. Because of my personal experience and work with non-profit organizations that provide culturally specific services, I wanted to share some concerns about the maps proposed.

For example, Lancaster drive connects communities who live in Hayesville all the way down to the Four Corners area. House Plan B divides these communities by drawing a line cutting through Lancaster, leaving parts of Oak Park, Middle Grove, and Four Corners outside of HD 22 and strangely includes them into a very large house district, 20, with other communities who do not share the same languages or socioeconomic statuses. As a long time Salem resident, I know that everything in between Lancaster Drive and Cordon Road, is made up of families like mine, folks who attended the schools I went to.

Lancaster Dr and Cordon Rd are important dividing lines in our community and to not incorporate that in maps in this region makes no sense. Lancaster road has become the heart of these communities because of the large variety of small businesses.

House Plan C, on the other hand, shows great promise as it respects the communities in NE Salem by keeping Hayesville, Oak Park, and Four Corners together. The proposed House District 21 would accurately represent the families in those areas. Although the House District line cuts through Lancaster, it respects the natural boundary of Cordon Rd and most of Lancaster Drive. Everything from my childhood home, to my parents recent home, and my apartment are kept in the same House District 21.

Thank you for making this process accessible to my community and I hope you continue to engage us in this process. Please remember to listen to our voices because our lives should be reflected in these maps.