

I have lived between Sandy and Welches ("the mountain communities" as we say) for over 35 years. (6 miles east of Sandy and 5 miles West of Welches) I shop and spend most of my time between both communities. Looks like all 3 proposals would split these communities and put The Dalles in the existing HD 52 map while dividing the City of Sandy and separating Sandy from the mountain communities.. No one I know spends any time on (as we say on the West side) "That side of the Mountain".

Also, reading the Oregon Redistricting Law 188.010 for Criteria, looks like Plan A and C would divide up our existing school districts. As of now, grades after middle school in West mountain communities go to Sandy High in Sandy because they have no High school and are in Oregon Trails school district. That's going against the criteria for school districts.

Our Sandy/Mt. Communities are vital to tourism and not to the Dalles/Hood River side which have their own tourism going "up the Gorge". We are separate communities. Highway 26 is a major transportation link from Sandy to the west side Mt areas and our Sandy buses help get Mt. folks to work or shopping and home.

To go with PLAN C but not split Sandy from Mountain communities then take out The Dalles instead (because they are similar populations) would keep communities together and as said in Redistricting Law 188.010, " not divide communities of interest.

Thank you for looking at my reasoning and concerns for my Sandy/mt. community!

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