

I currently live in and run a small business in North Plains, which is currently within House District 30.

I oppose changing the boundary between House District 30 and 31 to move the City of North Plains into House District 31 for these reasons:

- North Plains is a small town and suburb of Hillsboro, OR
- Our interests and concerns are tied directly to Hillsboro and urban NW Washington county which is why we are part of HD 30 to begin with. We have no shared infrastructure or economic interests with HD 31.
- North Plains is very small and is reliant on the infrastructure of Hillsboro or Washington County to function. We are a food desert and our closest grocery stores are in Hillsboro. We are part of the Hillsboro school district. Our water is supplied by Hillsboro. Our law enforcement is a partnership with the Washington County Sheriff. We share no infrastructure or interests with Columbia County or HD 31.
- We are separated from most of HD 31 by a major geographical feature - BIG foothills which require the use of a mountain pass to cross. As such the area in HD 31 on the north side of the pass and HD 30 are culturally and economically very distinct from each other with separate (sometimes opposing) interests. I am concerned tacking us onto a large district whose interests are totally different and separate from ours will mean our needs will just end up not being represented at all.

The Redistricting Committee needs to understand that North Plains is more urban than rural and that we really see ourselves as a suburb of Hillsboro. As such our interests and infrastructure are directly tied to Hillsboro and urban Washington County so we should not be separated from them as part of the redistricting process.

Thank you for including this testimony into record for the Redistricting Committee Public Hearings.

Sincerely,

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