

To the Redistricting Committee

I currently reside and do business in North Plains, which is currently within House District 30.

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

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 or tied to the cities of Hillsboro, Beaverton and the urban interests of Washington County.

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 partners to our south (Washington County Sheriff's Office), the City of Hillsboro (supplies our water) and Hillsboro School District (educates our youth), Clean Water Services (supplies sewer services) and the ensuing discussions regarding our future planning, diversifying 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 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.

The Redistricting Committee needs to see North Plains as more urban than rural 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.

We believe that to disconnect our City from the greater Metro Area where it has thrived and met the needs of the people who live here to that of State level would be a disservice to all that has been accomplished and to plans that have been in the works for months. We believe that to move us into another district would not be conducive with improvements the City has planned or for our business associates we have long been partnered with - and quite frankly, happy with.

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

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