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Attention: Redistricting Committee Members

First, thank you for all your work on the mapping efforts. It is definitely not an easy job.

I am from Sandy, in current HD52, SD 26, and CD 3.

House District maps A and C separate our adjoining communities: the city of Sandy and the adjoining mountain communities (Brightwood to Government Camp). But a simple solution on map C could reintegrate our communities, as I will relate later.

- 1) Map C **separates our Oregon Trail School District** into new HD 52 and new HD 18 as shown on the attached Map C outlining the school district boundaries with a green line. This map was created in the ERIS system. (Marked Map 2)
- 2) Map C **divides the city of Sandy**, placing part of the city in new HD 18, part in new HD 52, not respecting political subdivision boundaries. Our middle school is in new HD 52; the rest of our schools are in new HD 18.
- 3) Several of our housing areas and city parks are in new HD 52, the rest in new HD 18.
- 4) Our fire department, a local special district and a political subdivision, is split into two House districts.
- 5) Beyond dividing our 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. Yet an arbitrary line has been drawn separating these two community areas, the city from the mountain communities.
- 6) The **transportation corridor connection**, Highway 26, connects the two community areas. The Sandy/Mt. Hood Transit system bus route provides a loop including Sandy, mountain communities, and Hood River and return.
- 7) Mosier and The Dalles have no relationship to our communities and yet Wasco County, including those cities, was pulled into Map C and our local city of Sandy was removed from our house district in map C.

SOLUTION

There is a simple fix for correcting the C map:

(See Map 1 attached; city of Sandy added, highlighted with yellow)

Place Sandy within new HD 52 and remove the piece of Wasco County (City of the Dalles/Mosier) from new HD 52. The map I prepared showing this change has been entered into the record as "HD 52 Revised – Jan Lee" as attached. Before submitting that map I used the integrity model to check population and the replacement map qualifies with a difference of 400 people.

This solution brings all of our Sandy schools back into one House district, brings the entire school district back within one district, includes the city of Sandy in just one district, and reunites our mountain communities served by our city. After all, Sandy is the “Gateway to the Mountain.”

Why were The Dalles and Mosier added when they are not communities of interest while our own city and political subdivisions were removed?

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns. Jan Lee

Impact of Oregon Redistricting Law

188.010 Criteria for apportionment of state into congressional and legislative districts. The Legislative Assembly or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, shall consider the following criteria when apportioning the state into congressional and legislative districts:

- (1) Each district, as nearly as practicable, shall:
 - (a) Be contiguous;
 - (b) Be of equal population;
 - (c) **Utilize existing geographic or political boundaries;**
Map C for our area (HD 52) does not respect geographic or political boundaries for the city, the school district, and the fire district.
 - (d) **Not divide communities of common interest;**
Map C divides the mountain community from Sandy and mountain communities are tied to the resources of Sandy: medical, parks and recreation, gyms, groceries stores, schools, etc.
 - (e) **Be connected by transportation links.**
Highway 26 is the “Gateway to the Mountain” going through Sandy and up to the mountain communities. The transit bus route is a loop from Sandy, to mountain communities, to Hood River, and return.
- (2) No district shall be drawn for the purpose of favoring any political party, incumbent legislator, or other person.
- (3) No district shall be drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.
- (4) Two state House of Representative districts shall be wholly included within a single state senatorial district. [1979 c.667 §1; 1981 c.864 §2]