

My name is Steve Nelson, and I have been a resident in Canby for 23 years. I work as the Director of Development for a mid-sized non-profit in our city serving 2,000 residents in our community who live below the poverty line. Of those we serve, over 70% of these underserved individuals are LatinX people.

I am reaching out to support the plan detailed in map B. Map B is the best representation of keeping existing geographic and political boundaries. The Map A proposal appears to be a plan which is gerrymandered in order to provide political advantage. In the many years I've been working, living, and raising my family in Canby, there has been very little connection with other cities north of the Willamette River, or south of the Molalla River. These natural geographic boundaries mark a real separation between the interests and activities of the people in Canby. There is no real transportation link at this time to the West Linn area, and we have nothing in common with that city. Canby is a rural area, West Linn is a suburban community. The Canby area belongs with rural Clackamas county, NOT Marion county either.

I strongly support the following:

Congressional District - Plan B

Senate Districts - Plan B

House Districts - Plan B

Thank you for documenting my testimony in this matter.

Sincerely,

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