

Members of the Redistricting Committee,

My name is James Fage and I am a City Council member representing the City of North Plains Oregon currently in District 30. It has been brought to my attention that North Plains is under consideration for redistricting from District 30 to District 31. I and other members of the City Council think this will be a disservice to both the citizens of North Plains and likewise for District 31 if this proposal goes through.

The City of North Plains abuts with Hillsboro and is a bedroom community with employment being closely linked to Hillsboro. Services and resources for our community is Hillsboro based as is employment. Intel is a large employer to the residents of the city and Intel services also employ many more, the location of this employment is within five miles via HWY26. Due to the proximity of employment and services North Plains would like to have a voice

District 31 is geographically isolated from North Plains and no easy way to access District 31 services from North Plains. District 31 has its own identity with separate needs from North Plains. North Plains will be underrepresented due to its isolation from most of the District 31 population. Likewise, District 31 will have their needs underrepresented due to having to meet the needs of North Plains who would not even be part of their community aside from a redistricting line being moved.

In summary, you should keep North Plains in District 30. The community I represent has deep ties to District 30 due to financial, service and proximity reasons. Our citizens work in Hillsboro, shop and have services tied to this community. North Plains serves as that bedroom community. We would like to have say and representation where we earn and where we live. District 31 is Columbia County, and our communities have no ties. In my opinion it would be a disservice to move North Plains representation to District 31. Please keep North Plains in District 30.

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