

To: Co-Chairs Taylor, Salinas, and Boshart-Davis, Vice-Chair Knopp, and members of the redistricting committees.

For the record my name is Nancy Boever, my pronouns are she/her and I live in Deschutes County, US Congressional District 2.

I live in the northwest area of Bend, Oregon in the Summit West neighborhood and have lived here for the past 6 years.

Thank you for all of the work that you have put into this enormous and consequential task of redistricting. I am especially grateful for those of you who are doing the work of understanding how these maps will impact communities who have historically been ignored.

My first priority is to urge you to listen to the voices of our BIPOC community and especially those of the tribal nations throughout the state. Their voices should take priority given the long history of ignoring and marginalizing their voices. Given that, I will provide a couple of thoughts on the maps that have been proposed.

Regarding US Congressional maps, I appreciate the changes that are proposed in Plan A. It makes sense that Bend is part of a district that represents Hood River and parts of Portland. Bend's tourism and developing high tech economies and the interests and priorities of our community is much more similar to those communities than that of the extractive industries of eastern Oregon. We are communities that rely on outdoor tourism for our livelihood and it is where most of us spend our time. Travel and tourism, outdoor recreation, clean air and water and a focus on healthy environmental ecosystems are what we value. I would also support extending the southern boundary of Map A to include Sunriver which is very much an extension of Bend's community.

Regarding the State House district maps, I favor either Plan A or Plan C. I could argue for either given that there are common interests along both of the borders proposed. There is, however, a stronger east / west division within Bend, which I think makes Plan C a better option. It would also keep the college students' voices together within one district. Also, given that the larger tourism draw is on the west side, it would maintain the common economic interests of those on the west side who depend upon that industry.

I do not think Plan B makes sense for Bend. It breaks off the perimeter of Bend and tears those communities away from their neighbors. There is no common interest throughout that perimeter. This is also a heavy-handed way to pack the Bend community into one voting block separate from our rural neighbors.

In closing, thank you again for all of your work. This is an intense process and given the current political environment, I am grateful for the work that you are doing to try to develop maps that provide fair representation to communities of interest.

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Nancy Boever