

Co-Chairs Salinas and Boshart-Davis, Chair Taylor and members of the joint redistricting committee,

For the record my name is Debby Garman, my pronouns are she/her and I've lived for 16 years in downtown Hillsboro, Washington County House District 29. I moved to Oregon from the Midwest in 1974 and have enjoyed exploring the landscapes and communities throughout the State in the years I've been a resident. My background is in arts administration, nonprofit management and communications and community engagement. I appreciate the chance to add my comments to this incredibly important process in my State.

As a senior citizen with a few decades of life experience behind me, my perspective on this unusual redistricting year is that our priority should be to protect Oregon elections integrity. In general it looks to me as if Committee Proposals C for State Representative and Senate districts does the best job of logically and responsibly honoring clear communities of interest.

**Here are a handful of excellent map plusses in Plan C:**

The gorge is all together in one district-- that's a positive! They all share that scenic special thing in common that no other communities in the state share.

- NW Willamette Valley wine country is all in one district: Newberg, McMinnville, Dundee, etc. That's also a plus!

- Corvallis and Eugene- our 2 biggest college towns are kept together. And they're in the same district as their coastal satellite campuses-- also great!

**Plan B** looks quite similar to our current maps and keeps Hood River and Bend (2 solidly blue city/towns) in a solidly red district--- not great, and they don't have a fair shot of true representation of their values

In Proposal C for House redistricting, however, I do find it concerning that downtown Hillsboro where I live and have many friends and neighbors is oddly divided in half on the North South axis. That certainly disrupts school districts and Hillsboro old town and seems a bit of a glitch. It would be better to divide further East near new Intel techie Orenco, or further West between Hillsboro and Cornelius where more rural areas open up, perhaps. In this home neighborhood issue, the Joint Senate Proposal A looks better, and I do hope a tweak could be made.

**With regard to Congressional districts, Plan A** clearly does a better job of reflecting urban, rural and other communities of interest.

Thank you all for taking on all the challenging work in redistricting, for your time this morning, and for including my comments in your committee decision-making!

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