

September 13, 2021

Dear Co-Chairs Boshart Davis and Salinas and Representatives Bonham, Campos, Drazen, and Pham.

I, Robert "Butch" Kindel, Councilor of North Plains have concerns in your present redistricting City of North Plains completely out of District 30.

This is so WRONG. When my family and I moved to North Plains in 1973, North Plains had only 400 residents. City had no sewer system and potable water storage of 30,000 gallons.

Businesses in 1973 were as follows:

A large sawmill with a wigwam burner, creosote plant for creosoting utility power poles, one grocery store, two bars, two garages, a meat processing plant on McKay Creek, two churches, grade school 1-8th, labor camp, junk yard, volunteer policing of one or two people whoever wanted or had time to volunteer and finally, a volunteer fire department of 30 plus volunteers.

In 1976, I joined the North Plains Planning Commission to see what I might be able to contribute to the City as a new citizen. This continued until 1980 when I ran for city council and I won! Only did I not know that so much was needed to make North Plains a proud wonderful place to live and raise a family in Washington County. As I finish my 41st consecutive year on city council I will share my thoughts.

To debunk your present thinking with a pencil is as follows:

North Plains has been a partner with the CDBG program for the past 41 years along with 13 other cities in Washington county. The funding over the years has helped North Plains be who we are today involving countless time by city staff and members of city council. Two main projects that put North Plains on the path as a livable city were a city wide sewer system and a 1,000,000 gallon water tank.

Our one and only new library built by private money with community support. Again faith in business owners supporting the city with personal money supporting parents and their children as an education center and growing in attendance every year since built.

Glencoe Road from Hillsboro to North Plains was derived from the town named Glencoe by McKay Creek in the early 1900s just east of present North plains with 100 old ties to Washington county in District 30 by historic travel route.

As I stated early on in my letter, with all the time and countless hours of city council time improving the city livability efforts has made North Plains what it is today. Those efforts are who North Plains is today. Over the years North Plains has been involved with Washington County and neighboring cities within Washington County. Now you want North Plains excluded from District 30. That is a slap in the face to all those public servants and current citizens now enjoying the fruits of hard work and countless hours of personal time to be a public servant.

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