

District 2

My name is Gonzalo Arthur.

Today I represent my wife and children and my extended family who are both Latino and Native. I live and work in Warm Springs, and I have many friends and family members who live and work in both Warm Springs and Madras. Our family does most of our shopping in Madras, along with Warm Springs and Portland. Currently, I have three children attending Madras High School, and 2 children at Warm Springs K-8. We spend much of our free time in Madras, enjoying sports events and other activities that the children enjoy. We also take part in traditional activities in Warm Springs, such as Name-Giving ceremonies, and other cultural activities of the Warm Springs tribes.

My goal in the redistricting process is to provide an opportunity for us to be represented equally among other voters in our district. It also provides an opportunity to gain elected officials, who will consider the values and concerns of the Native and Latino people in their district equally with those of other voters' interest. I cannot support any of the Legislature Proposed maps. **My Goal is supported by the redistricting map (entitled House BSmith78 21-09-08) which includes Jefferson, adding some of Deschutes County, Wasco, and Hood River. However, being new to this process, I would also have to defer my personal choice, to the mapping choice of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon tribal government if it is not the same as my personal choice.** I believe this map (House BSmith78 21-09-08) provides an opportunity for all members of the district to be equally represented as voters and in local decision-making.

I have a number of concerns that I have noticed are issues of common interest of the Native and Latino communities, as well as other Oregon residents. Like us, I believe water is a concern for everyone in Central Oregon.

It is difficult to find employment opportunities that can sustain a family. Training that would provide access to higher paying jobs does not seem to be available either.

There are inequities in health care as well. This has become even more important to us during the COVID pandemic, since our people are more at risk. But Jefferson County refused to enforce the Governor's mask mandate. This placed us all at risk whenever we shopped, or children went to school in Madras.

Addiction to drugs and alcohol are a problem for most communities. And, the lack of employment, adequate health care including a lack of resources, add to the challenge of meaningful and lasting recovery.

These are just a few of the many obstacles that challenge our ability to thrive as a community, and plan for the future.

I would like to thank the Redistricting Committee for allowing me to provide this input. Again **my Goal supported by the redistricting map (entitled House BSmith78 21-09-08) which includes Jefferson, adding some of Deschutes County, Wasco, and Hood River. However, being new to this process, I would also have to defer my personal choice, to the mapping choice of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon tribal government.**