Redistricting Testimony – September 13, 2021

Good evening Co-Chairs Taylor and Salinas, Vice-Chairs, Knopp, and Boshart-Davis; and members of the redistricting committees. For the record my name is Elizabeth (Betty) Holladay. My pronouns are she, her, and hers. I have lived in Multnomah County on the edge of Lake Oswego in House District 38 and Senate District 19 for about 4 years.

I want to thank you for your hard work in the redistricting process. I know that this process is a fluid one. My interest in testifying here is in seeing that the area in which I live is closely aligned with other areas which I think reflect my community. Lake Oswego doesn't have any large hospitals or universities. I go to Tigard, Beaverton, and Portland for medical care. I am a member of the Portland area Poor People's Campaign which is helping residents of Hazelnut Grove keep their tiny cabin village. When I retire, I will be taking art history classes at PSU. And when my Portland church reopens, I will be attending services there. Lake Oswego is not an adjunct of Oregon City or even Milwaukie. We extend to the North and to the West.

While it's close, it appears that the Plan C maps for the House and Senate get my community to a place that recognizes its commonalities with the more urban sections of the Portland Metro area. So I support those maps. As far as the US Congressional Districts are concerned, I gravitate towards Plan A, but even this plan aligns my community with Marion and Clackamas County. I would really prefer that, as this process unwinds, my voting district not be drawn using arbitrary boundary lines of counties but again be aligned more with Multnomah and parts of Washington County. It makes sense to me.

Thanks again for listening to all of our testimonies. I am hopeful that you all will continue to work together in creating a fair and representative product for the redistricting process.

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