

We currently reside in Washington County; our daughter and her family live and do business in North Plains, which is currently within House District 30.

The Oregon Legislature is working on the Redistricting of Oregon Senate and House of Representative Districts to account for the increased population in Oregon as reported by the 2020 federal Census.

THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE PLAN PROPOSES TO MOVE THE CITY OF NORTH PLAINS TO OREGON HOUSE DISTRICT 31, which includes the area north of the City into Columbia County as far as the Columbia River and North Portland.

MOVING NORTH PLAINS TO OREGON HOUSE DISTRICT 31 ALSO MOVES THE CITY OUT OF OREGON SENATE DISTRICT 15 AND INTO OREGON SENATE DISTRICT 16, which extends west as far as the Pacific Ocean. Oregon Senate District 14 encompasses Oregon House Districts 29 and 30; Oregon House District 31 joins Oregon House District 32 to form Oregon Senate District 16.

THE CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE WOULD SEPARATE THE CITY OF NORTH PLAINS COMPLETELY FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE METROPOLITAN AREA FOR REPRESENTATION IN THE LEGISLATURE.

The boundaries of Oregon House District 31 and the resulting boundaries of Oregon Senate District 16 as proposed by the legislature do not reflect the actual/real interests and needs of North Plains as a city when future growth and proximity to the perimeter of the greater urban metropolitan area is considered.

Our city needs the legislature to see North Plains as more urban than rural and recognize that the interests of North Plains residents are more closely aligned with urban issues in Washington County such as growth, water resources, police services, planning, and education) than any of the proposed Districts.

The Oregon House Redistricting Plans disconnects the City of North Plains from the greater 'metro area', our partners to our south. North Plains relies on Washington County Sheriff's Office for security services), the City of Hillsboro for our water supply, Hillsboro School District to educate our youth and Clean Water Services for sewer services. North Plains' administration is currently engaged in discussions with these and other jurisdictions regarding our future planning, diversifying our economic growth and statewide planning activities. Moving North Plains to Oregon House District 31 and Oregon Senate District 16 would severely disconnect these ongoing relationships, forcing the City to reestablish lines of communication and renegotiate existing agreements.

WE URGE THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE TO REDRAW ITS PROPOSED BOUNDARIES TO LEAVE THE CITY OF NORTH PLAINS WITHIN OREGON HOUSE DISTRICT 30 AND THEREFORE WITHIN OREGON SENATE DISTRICT 15.

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