

Honorable members of the Oregon Redistricting Committee,

I write as a voter, community advocate, and member of the Fairview City Council, although I speak only on my own behalf here.

East Multnomah County added thousands of residents - Fairview, Wood Village, Troutdale and Gresham all grew. East County is also racially and ethnically diverse, young, and multi-lingual. I hope that you give my neighbors a strong voice as you draw your maps. For too long, people of color, immigrants, and the poor have been denied political power in so many ways. Please keep these people front of mind as you do the hard work of drawing boundaries for Oregon.

You have a difficult job - and an important one - and I thank you for your service.

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