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Co-Chairs Taylor, and Salinas, Vice-Chairs, Knopp, and Boshart-Davis, and members of the redistricting committees,

For the record my name is Shelly Devens, my pronouns are She/hers and I live in **Multnomah County, District 3** . I am an APANO member.

I live in the Rose City Park Neighborhood. I believe the Northeast and Northwest industrial communities have common interests and should not be divided. My neighbors and I are stakeholders in the industrial area of Portland-- their practices and actions impact us economically and environmentally.

First off, thank you for the hard work of this committee, especially those of you who have worked to produce thoughtful, nuanced, and fair maps. I know there are a lot of complexities to drawing new district lines.

There are a few things I would suggest to make sure final maps for Congressional District 3 are reflective of our community.

We must prioritize keeping together BIPOC communities and historically marginalized communities who have been intentionally shut out from the political process for too long. Our vibrant and diverse communities, like the Jade District, must be kept together. In Congressional Map C, the district boundary of HD 46 and 48 directly cut the Jade District in half, directly separating our vibrant community of immigrants, Black, Indigenous, people of color. Separating the Jade district into two state house districts directly dilutes immigrant, refugee, Black, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander, and other people of color voting power and continues Oregon's history of intentionally excluding us from the process.

Once again, thanks so much for your service and your work on this important issue. These maps are a great start. Please keep in mind what I have shared about my community when finalizing maps. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Shelly Devens