

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

For the record my name is Darnell Williams, my pronouns are He/him/ his and I have lived in Multnomah in the east of 122nd district for 10 years.

I would like to start by thanking this committee for taking the time and coming up with boundaries that try to take into account the people living within them. I know it can be hard to draw new boundaries. But these new boundaries are a great starting point.

Before the final maps get drawn I would like to draw your attention to communities that are already a part of my area. And they need consideration in the final drawing of the maps. There are many cultural communities of BIPOC folks who have been pushed out of inner Portland. Many of these communities have their own grocery stores that cater to that community. These are hard working business owners that are fixtures in the community and their business thrives because of where they are.

I'm pleased to see that 182nd is a boundary because that is how locals think of that street anyways. Thank you again for taking the time and doing the hard work to draw the new boundaries. It is easy to see that care and consideration has been taken drawing these new boundaries. But we can do better. Some maps are better at looking at local communities in my area. For instance house maps A and C. So When drawing the final map please remember the thriving communities that are already there, and what effect new boundaries can mean for them.

Darnell Williams