

SENATE COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

Latinos in Central Oregon are strong and resilient. Our Latinx family moved to Central Oregon over 10 years ago and we are proud to be part of this community.

Latinx people contribute to the economic and social wealth of our region. Our community is young with our average age being 28 years old and about 3/4 of Latinos in Central Oregon being US born. Latinos experience poverty at higher rates than their white counterparts yet we fulfill essential jobs in farming, manufacturing, construction, and healthcare and social assistance.

The Latinx population has grown from a few thousands in the 90's to over 20 thousand strong across all of Central Oregon, our region is united by commerce, culture and values.

During 2020 in January we saw Central Oregon come together in Redmond to stand for the rights of all women, after the killing of George Floyd racial justice demonstrations in Prineville and across the region united us around our common value of recognizing the humanity and value of Black people. Last summer when we had strong winds and many families had damage in their homes in Culver, some were denied insurance coverage or simply didn't have insurance for their homes, and it was a Latino independent contractor from Bend who offered to help families free of cost. When ICE terrorized our immigrant neighbors in Bend all of Central Oregon came together to stand in solidarity and we are together helping our Warm Spring neighbors through this water crisis on top of COVID and all the historic abuses already suffered by this community. From healthcare to homelessness, from early childhood education to college preparedness our organizations work regionally and serve Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook county. We are stronger because we are united and in order to hear clearly the voice of underserved communities we must not be divided.

Central Oregon is not what it used to be, we are more vibrant, enriched and bold because of all the people that make up our community, When redefining the line of our district all of us must be counted, our full 2020 census data must be counted and Central Oregon must not be divided!

Historically the process of districting had been used to disempower communities of color, Oregon's house and senate must make clear actions that demonstrate that in Oregon democracy and justice are for ALL.

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