

Members of the Redistricting Committee:

I am a voter in Oregon's District 4. During the pandemic, I (safely) collected some of the 64,000 signatures from my neighbors for the Initiative to set up a permanent independent commission to recommend district boundaries.

Although pandemic disrupted the signature collecting process and the initiative was not voted upon, I ask that the Oregon State Legislature make use of an independent commission to recommend district boundaries and wait for the more accurate 2020 Census data. Please follow the criteria in ORS 188.010:

The criteria to be considered requires that each district, as nearly as practicable, shall:

- Be contiguous;
- Be of equal population;
- Utilize existing geographic or political boundaries;
- Not divide communities of common interest; and
- Be connected by transportation links.

As part of District 4, I am concerned with fire management, water sources and distribution, and transportation links.

We Democrats need to bring integrity into the voting process--one person, one vote--to prove to ourselves that we are "For the People." Waiting another ten years to set up equitable redistricting sacrifices the power and purpose you have today.

Best regards,
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