

Good afternoon. Thank you for taking the time to hear us.

As a member of South Deschutes County, in the La Pine area, I would like to request that our State Senate and House districts be included with Deschutes County after redistricting.

- Our economic center is Bend
- We are in the Bend-La Pine Schools, Deschutes Library, and COCC Special Districts.
- The Tri-County area is Jefferson, Crook, and Deschutes Counties . It doesn't include Klamath or Lake
- I ran for the 55th District in 2018. The only way to drive from one end to the other and stay inside the District boundaries is to take dirt roads. That may satisfy the letter of the law stating that a district must be one continuous section of land, but it certainly violates the spirit. La Pine is on hwy 97, and should be connected by paved roads to the towns and cities in its State House District
- The way HD 55 is configured, I can drive from La Pine to San Francisco in less time than I can drive from Paulina to West Medford, even using the paved roads and thereby cutting through two other State House districts.
- I put 16,000 mile on my car campaigning. There are 33 communities in this district, and having them on both sides of the Cascades leads to poor representation of regional needs and interests
- The needs and focus of La Pine are on Deschutes County, with our Courts, our County Commissioners. They aren't in Klamath County. We have little in common with Klamath and Lake Counties.
- Projected growth makes it even more imperative that La Pine be included with its economic and cultural base of Deschutes County

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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