

My name is Sabrina Wilson. I am a resident of Outer East Portland, and I am also the Executive Director of The Rosewood Initiative, a nonprofit community based organization located on SE 162nd and Stark in outer East Portland. The Rosewood Initiative has been implementing neighbor-led strategies since 2009. We focus on coordinating resources and services for neighbors, and providing a space for community members to connect with one another and get involved in projects that improve their lives and the community.

We are happy to hear that Census data will now be utilized in the redistricting process, and hope that the now extended timeline will also be used to fully engage the community in this process. Taking the time to engage diverse community members in multiple ways to share more information about the redistricting process is critically important so that more people understand what's at stake.

The Rosewood neighborhood sits between the borders of The City of Portland and The City of Gresham, Centennial and Reynolds School districts, and several legislative district boundaries. We are located in Senate District 24 and House District 47, but we serve community members who live in multiple neighboring districts. Because the neighborhood is spread across district lines, our organization has already had to develop an expertise in coordinating across multiple jurisdictions, and we are familiar with the complications it can cause.

The neighborhood is one of the most diverse areas in the state, with 28.3% of neighbors identifying as foreign-born, 22.7% Latinx, and 8.9% Black/African American. There is a high percentage of renters, and in the last 10 years, the area has experienced a significant growth in population. Rosewood's zip code (97233) has also had one of the highest coronavirus infection rates, at 784 per 10,000 people.

Last year we worked as a census assistance center in the Rosewood neighborhood, supporting almost 300 "hard to count" community members in filling out the census. Those numbers and our work for the census are important in informing the redistricting process. Our team worked hard to make sure neighbors counted in the census, and their voices also must be

counted in the redistricting process.

In our neighborhood, community members are passionate about having quality affordable housing, open green space to play, more public transportation options, quality education including early childhood education, access to jobs and job training. Therefore, we must ensure that all community members have the chance to be a part of this process and when the time comes, elect people who truly represent them and will fight for their needs to be met.

Existing at the border, we don't see the lines but we clearly see the inequitable impacts and outcomes. So, again I say, we need to make sure that community members in the Rosewood neighborhood are given the time and opportunities to learn about and have a say in the redistricting process.

Communities most impacted by these structural/systemic decisions are often left out of the decision making process, and it's our duty to ensure that does not happen now.

Thank you for your time.