

Sir /Madam:

As an Oregon resident since 1978, currently living on a small farm between Crabtree Creek & Thomas Creek just East of Scio, I wish to offer an opinion on redistricting. District 9 is comprised of basically all conservative voters. As a former employee of the US Census Team, I canvassed the bulk of my district during the 2020 Decennial Census.

Redistricting ought to be done by a bipartisan commission. Current partisan conditions make the legislatures incapable of compromise primarily due to the concentration of individual party affiliations in each district. The current district plan encourages partisanship.

Any redistricting plan should keep in mind that any individual district should be a balance of registered voters representing all voter groups. This would encourage a campaigning politician to appeal to all voters.

Notes:

A bi-partisan commission including non-affiliated voters could best meet this challenge.

The dates imposed on the re-districting are artificial.

The Census data is important to make these decisions.

The Supreme Court's recent document on redistricting is unreadable.

The current legislature is biased beyond reason.

Our District should be a solid block geographically.

Nothing resembling an amoeba or nerve synapse should be acceptable.

I hope this list of considerations finds consideration with those who make the final decisions.

An overriding consideration is a fact that in the current situation Portland, Multnomah County, and Eugene make the decisions for all of rural Oregon voters. Urban voters tend to be liberal while rural voters tend to be conservative. Since vote by mail has been instituted a consensus of opinions believe Republicans are being excluded.

Thank you for reading this letter,

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