

Congressional District 3 – Summary of Oral and Written Comments, March/April 2021

Below is a summary of the oral and written public testimony received during the March and April public hearings on redistricting from residents of Congressional District 3. These summaries have been produced by staff and are not endorsed by the redistricting committees or individual members of the Legislative Assembly. Please note that the “key points” portion of each person’s testimony may not fully encompass all points made by the submitter and should only be used as reference.

This summary document is divided into four sections. Starting on pages 2 and 12 are the oral remarks received during the March 11 and April 10 public hearings. A written record created by a transcription program is included though it may not be fully accurate due to technological limitations. Therefore, please refer to the recorded video testimony, a link to which can be found on page 1 of this document. The link to a recording log document associated with the meeting is also included and can be used to find the time at which specific individuals testified.

Starting on pages 28 and 29 are summaries of written comments received during for the public hearing on March 10 and April 10. Again, summaries are included only for reference and the links can be used to view the full, unaltered testimony.

# Comments			Topic of Comments Provided
Total	Oral	Written	
39	23	16	Districts should reflect racial, ethnic, and language diversity
11	6	5	Use alternative data sources until Census data is available
11	4	7	Supports creation of independent commission on redistricting
10		10	Need to educate and engage the public in redistricting process
7		7	Wait until Census data is available before drawing maps
6		6	Protect communities of common interest
6		6	Engage all citizens in the redistricting process
4		4	Gentrification is a problem in Portland neighborhoods
3		3	Do not put Hood River and Multnomah County in same district
3		3	Do not combine urban/suburban/rural areas in same district
2		2	Do not use gerrymandering when creating new districts
1	1		Borders of House District 39 cross too many communities
1	1		Colleges should be considered communities of interest
1	1		Importance of Portland neighborhoods
1	1		Border between CD1 and CD3
1	1		Interlachen Community
1		1	Use the Willamette River as a natural district boundary
1		1	Do not include Happy Valley, Damascus, Boring, or Sandy with Portland
1		1	Concerns about housing, fair wages, and police activity
1		1	Solicit assistance in process from community-based organizations

NOTE: For full text of oral comments, consult the video recording of the meetings:

--March 11 (5:30 PM):

Video: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2021031051>

Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/RecordingLog/SRED/2021-03-11-17-30>

--April 10 (9:00 AM):

Video: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2021041002>

Recording Log: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/RecordingLog/SRED/2021-04-10-09-00>

NOTE: For (approximate) transcript of oral remarks and for full text of written comments, see summaries and links to testimony on following pages:

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--Oral Remarks March 20 (2:00 M): Pages 12-27

--Written Comments March 11 (5:30 PM): Page 28

--Written Comments April 10 (9:00 AM): Pages 29-34

ORAL REMARKS: Hearing 1 - March 11, 5:30 PM

Name: Rep. Christine Drazen, HD 39

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Concerned that current district splits up several smaller cities

Transcript: Thank you madam chair. It's a privilege to be here tonight. I am state representative christine draven and I appreciate the opportunity to testify on this incredibly important issue as a state representative within congressional district. There have been few areas with greater impact from gerrymandering than my own district. Within my district, i represent a relation of less than a hundred in a tiny sliver marion county and I am one of four representatives that divide up the city and happy valley, as well as splitting the small towns of boring. And in the twenty ten legislature split these communities and the multiple districts resulting in political gains for democrats and losses. For republicans, we must in this year resist sharing, mastering, and preserve the community, the common interest, and more specifically, communities of color who have been historically under represented and marginalized. As the legislature takes valuable public testimony in the coming weeks, we have an opportunity to recognize that the ambiguity caused by delays, tennessee to give us a unique opportunity to write the wrong for the past. To quote from our president rock obama and america politicians shouldn't pick their buttery voters are supposed to pick a politician's to delay and tons of data gives us the opportunity to look at additional pathways forward for an independent non partisan commission with my bill. A share, our seven, I hope that will be considered in this legislative session. Competitive elections are not only fair to both parties. They are the Hallmark of a healthy, immature democracy. Let's embrace this opportunity for reform to improve representation and take this chance to take politics out of the redistricting process. Thank you madam chair.

Name: Rep. Tawna Sanchez, HD 43

Key Points:

- Concerned about gerrymandering that leads to underrepresentation of BIPOC communities
- Makeup of legislature should reflect makeup of Oregon

Transcript: My name is Thomas Sanchez and the state representative for house district forty three North and northeast Portland. I want to speak to you today as a member of my community in my district. Interestingly enough, I was born here in Salem here. Wherever here is right now. However, I'm leaving the hospital my first home with the Portland theory as to why that happened. But I never asked about it really. But my very first memory of homes is in my district on forty fourth and Emerson. You're often on most of my life and I've watched this district change and, and become a little bit different here and there. So for the most part, it's somewhat the same. If people are color, very diverse, humanity in their money and people down. But it's always the place that I've, I've called home and I really want to make sure that we are we, those people who are the people of color and large chunk of our district have the boys that we need the legislature. And you know right now that's me, but in the past it wasn't always someone like me. People because voices haven't always heard in our legislature are in our face. I think we have a different view of things right? This very minute in, for the very first time in our legislature, a large number of people of color. And I will say it only the second Native American to ever serve any already legislature. We finally have a moment in time. We shifted things a little bit for very, very important moment. It's a very important moment that I want to just emphasize because again, I think it's important that the legislature be able to make this decision going forward. And to be able to look at all of the district and, and make the choices. But also just to be really, really clear that people of color are often left out in the process. And if it's not right, it's not fair. And if we speak a German gerrymandering that happened a lot so that community college didn't have a voice. I think we have a great opportunity here today and going forward to make sure that the voices of people are in fact here and the representation in this, in that house looks exactly like the people in the state of Oregon. Thank you and I, I, I want to, I want to thank you for your work on this, I think is going to be an amazing opportunity for you. That's going to be hard. So thank you.

Name: Rep. Zach Hudson, HD 49

Key Points:

- Concerned about current proposals for independent commission
- Supports current redistricting process

Transcript: I am a representative Hudson. I represent house district forty nine, which is Trout, Dale, Therapy, Village and parts of Gresham and East Portland. I also reside in congressional district three. The thank you so much for the work that you are undertaking and I'm, I know you all know the importance of it and making sure that the districts which you draw are going to be representative of the people of Oregon and to, to take an important stand against any kind of partisan gerrymandering into commit yourself to transparency. I would advocate for fair and impartial districts, but I am concerned about some proposals that I've heard about the creation of an independent redistricting committee to do part of this work. My concern is that especially given the situation that we find ourselves in now and the time constraints we are under, there's not enough time to design and build such a commission that

any commission put together like this would be done hastily and therefore not truly represent the people of the people of Oregon in this way, I think that the legislature has been tasked with doing this important work and that they are fully capable of doing so with an impartial way. And I, the commission design that I've heard suggested would actually end up excluding many, many Oregonians by virtue of trying to be impartial. We, Oregonians happen to belong to political parties. We happen to have jobs in state government or we happen to have connections to people who have a role in politics and so working so hard to exclude particular individuals could well lead to a very unrepresentative committee or commission rather. So this is a complex and time intensive process and I lied you on the the job that you are doing. Please keep this job as a job for the, for your committee and for the legislature. And thank you for your commitment to having an open and transparent process. Thank you. committee.

Name: Rep. Ricki Ruiz, HD 50

Key Points:

- Portland is diverse with significant economic inequality
- Concerned that independent commission would not be representative of all Oregonians

Transcript: Thank you for the opportunity to testify tonight on the record. My name is Ricki Ruiz, reese therapy, and I have two houses fifty, which encompasses the cities of Gresham East, Portland. Indigenous ambition. This last of sure, look and callous. Since a conception of the census in this, in seventeen ninety as been inherently, it's been inherently racist process up until one, nine hundred sixty people of color were not allowed to suffer than I fi the wrong race. Instead, census takers are simply look at you and your family to determine what race you were. Often census takers were encouraged to utilize for races stereotypes like one drop rule to determine the race of people. For hundreds of years, we utilize the data to read district three dishing that was not reflective of our community. We based the entire of Nathan systems around the oppression of black and brown people. Utilizing the data led to this investments and communities, lack of resources for certain schools. And generally, the creation of a system in which Oregonians are better representative and others. The consequences of these actions are some, are something that communities of color are still living with today. In fact, if we cut Berlin to two cities along any second Avenue, the side that stretches from eighty second to the Pearl would be one of the richest cities in America. The other side, which stretches from a second to another word, would be one of the chorused. Despite the many traumas or maybe have experienced this pass here are legislative body has the ability to hold one of the most accessible and inclusive decision processes. Our state has ever seen members of members of the redistricting committee. We haven't chance to continue rectifying the these wrongs. Even though Corbin eighteen keeps us from gathering in person at open up the entire new channels for communication. Creating taxes for those who cannot drive those who live too far from the Capital to travel for testimony. Those who cannot take an entire day off to testify whether we liked it or not, that has created access to Oregon is across the state. Oh, can not normally engage with a legislative process. Now, more than ever, our communities are telling us that they want to be involved in and in every process that directly fixture livelihoods, representation, and rights. In our duty as a nine member legislative body elected by the people and for the people to maintain responsibility for completing the redistricting process to the best of our ability. While what I'll centering access equity, payroll, the process that we have already built to independent commission will not and cannot represent the rich identity some or are going across the state. It is my belief that that the directly

elected ninety member legislative body should contain this process. I think you all for your time and please consider the current process.

Name: Sen. Kayse Jama, SD 34

Key Points:

- SD 34 is one of the most diverse communities in Oregon
- Concerned about makeup of independent commission

Transcript: Madam chair, disabled appreciated remembers of the citizen committee. My name is Casey sharma, set of districts twenty for the inquiry. It's bought out a car comes county. I want to just highlight a few things. I would have had my district is really one of the most know first is that if you notice the difference over eighty language spoken to school is a working class poor community members. So if you can find out more to first got distracted, that in mind is really important. And also walking across the board. People having said that, I know it's appealing to say that we want to have it in the bit of the commission. I know how that's inviting, i understand. But I don't think you saw this having a independence to ten fifteen. Twenty people in the commission will settle whole problems. One, definitely be representing him interest of my district and my community members who are setting. Let me tell you this. Before I became a citizen, i was an active civic, engage individual. I volunteer because I knew I can't vote. I'm frontier from costs, i care about it. I will start knocking for bothering thought I care about it. The nude edge out of to seven dollars per boast would absolutely exclude me even if their bed chemist, citizen, it's quiet according to what I understand that you have to be at least three and it's for a god that's man assigning and it is it's simply try his immigrant, which will become a new immigrant newness, and he sort of this country, they weren't disqualified, prob, lie, it will. Letty include young going to be able, are also floating age because they may have that voting history. When they become h. C, it will also exclude poor. I'm working class community members because they want to be basically in cruise exclusive class folks who may be able to apply to be part of this commission indefinite sarah the interest of our community. So I asked you tonight not to consider this independent commission. We need to be creative when it to be making sure that our office hours are. I'm sure we have, we are trusting them to make this process. They can handle it. They're able to hundred impartially and we have trust them. It's nice to be able to what I like and kind of hard on this process. I do not know if you can be able to twenty people who are quote, unquote supposed to be independent can handle. I, I have a guy situation, so I know my time is up, but I just put in my two cents to say dead, please let us keep the system the way it is by now this new independent commission will not settle the dangers of dog guanine, ernest thank you so much. Ok. Thank you senators.

Name: Danielle Droppers, SE Portland

Key Points:

- Concerned about impact of redistricting to BIPOC communities, must consider them during process
- Supports using PSU data while waiting for census data

Transcript: My name is Danielle droppers, she her and hers, and I'm a ten year resident of se, portland, i work for the oregon health authority office of equity and inclusion for over seven years. But here tonight I am representing my community and not representing my employer. Redistricting is a key equity issue

that deeply impacts communities of color immigrants and refugees by ensuring representation of the interest of communities most harmed by bad policies. In the policy world, we like to call it an intended consequences without appropriate representation, that's reflective of culturally and linguistically of constituents will keep seeing policy is made without the needs of communities in mind. But let's be real. Unintended consequences is glossing over a reality, which is that this is one of the key ways the structural racism continues to perpetuate in our policies in our system. I applaud this committee for providing the opportunity to engage in this conversation. And this is a real chance to address One of the key ways that racism shows up in our legislative process. And while this is a key equity issue, it's also not the most acceptable may not have had the opportunity to know about re districting why it's important or even how it impacts them. Six classes are not even a require part of our curriculum and oregon. So there may be a need for non partisan education on redistricting. Also give him a delay on the release of census data. I hope there will be more opportunities for community conversations, especially reaching out to communities of color and those who speak languages other than english to engage them and sharing their wisdom and how to build upon community strengths for more equitable, re restricting. If anyone should be in informing our redistricting processes, it should be the people of oregon who the legislature serves as resources to consider. There are non partisan sources for population data that can be used as we plan. So for example, the portland state University is population research center. There are also some great tools to help support community engagement best practices, which I would also be glad to share if that's of interest. So I look forward to watching your efforts and engage in communities in this process. Thank you so much for your time.

Name: Vanda Hunter, NE Portland

Key Points:

- East Portland has large BIPOC communities, must be heard and considered during redistricting
- While waiting for census data can use other data sources to learn about communities of interest

Transcript: My name is vonda hunter, my pronouns are she her and hers. I live in northeast portland in congressional district three. My senator is Casey jama. And I live in house district forty seven. Last summer I worked as a kansas or, and phone banker to hard to come communities counted in the twenty twenty census as a ... black woman living in the outskirts of the city of portland. I found that people like myself held a lot of misinformation about this process. A lot of younger folks that I spoke with were unaware of the importance of the senses, and many renters in my area were under. The impression of the census was only for homeowners. I got involved with this work so that people of color, ... folks, renters and low income families in my area, had all of the proper information on how to fill out their census forms. And in turn, this would make sure that my district was accurately accounted for. I live in the gateway neighborhood in nearby park rose high School in Sacramento elementary. My neighborhood is home to the gateway discovery park, which has been a gathering place and event space for by pot folks for over ten years. I am lucky enough to live very close to three major grocery stores, including two win codes and a fred meyer. However, since I moved here about two years ago, I have noticed overwhelming police presence in my neighborhood. And I believe that's due to the fact that this is a black and brown neighborhood. Police patrol my local friend myer every day. And I've seen on many occasions, police officers following and surveilling young black children walking throughout the area.

And I radically, there is no governmental community engagement regarding new developments, such as a large luxury apartment complexes and unnecessary storage facilities popping up across the gateway area. Because of this, I would like to see a redistricting happen in a way that maintains a significance of by pot communities of interest that have resided in East portland for a very long time and are not going anywhere rather than in a way that would benefit and give wealthier and wider populations, more of a say in their governance, and until the twenty twenty census data is released, the re districting committees can utilize other data sources. I can help you learn more about our communities are connected. And again, I am for you all to center black and brown communities in your district during analysis. Thank you all for your time and work on this issue.

Name: Lafonda Grant, Portland

Key Points:

- Significant BIPOC communities in East Portland, make sure to consider them during redistricting process

Transcript: When I say the names wrong and members of the second redistricting committee for the record, my name is laquanda grant. My pronouns are she, her mom and I reside in se portland in the pow house cow first gilbert neighborhood. I live in progress, congressional district three and in the house district, fifty one in senate district twenty six. I lived in Portland for about forty years now and twenty of my years. I lived in northeast portland, and I now live in South these due to rent increases and no cars, evictions from ne, throughout my time live in in Portland, and noticed that people like me, people of color, are being pushed to the site live, can divide it from their communities of interest, jennifer cation importantly keeps pushing our communities farther into gresham. One the impact of vacation is that less people are for the, for the day. Okay. The one impact jennifer cation is the blood people are being pushed for the away from the organizations. Doors and places are important to my house of worship is located in northeast portland, and it's a place that I have been to me for many, many years. And each year it gets smaller because people are getting pushed out of our two se gresham area. Whereas hard to access transportation. Now, before call it, we were down to about ten members in our church, which is a smarter than what we're used to have in Now we used to use like an average of eighty five people who attend. And it said, say now because this place is about to close the luminous south portland, now I have seen many my community has changed so much in the past seven to eight years is getting hard to shop in my neighborhood where store is such a safe way and walgreens, which are easily accessible, there are disappeared now. Our community needs transportation, homelessness services, and more. That's why I became a senses outreach worker because I wanted to make sure that my neighborhood and community received the funding that we need it. When the time moved and shifts in my community, i also worried about my children's education because I know it is very important for kids to be on a solid foundation. And I did want to consistently be moving them around. My kids went to our lead a K through a, a school that has a real, it's real challenging with cultural competence and overall staff representation. Does it mirror the students there? Join the school committee so parents can support getting more people who okay, because of my in Grand presence as a parent in the school district. I know there is always a access data points where we way where this and such as school like roman name it. We're in roman data, i just want to say thank you so much for your time and your hard work with our grant.

Name: Darnell Williams

Key Points:

- Ensure BIPOC communities are considered during redistricting
- Wants representatives to live in communities they represent

Transcript: I really appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today about re districting for the record. My name is Donna williams. My pronouns are his, him and he and I have lived in law, not a small number county for ten years. I am here because the importance of redistricting and its impact will be felt by me and my neighbors for the next ten years. Given those stakes, i would like to tell you about my community because as a bypass person, it is important to see other bypass people moving into the area. So my daughter can see other people that look like her in a school that still has quality education. But with the rising price of rent and housing, the growth has stopped. As a teacher, our class sizes continue to get bigger and bigger with less space and less resources to provide for our students. This often disadvantages students who need the most help. This committee has been given the opportunity to not only listen to the residence of oregon but to also respond to them. And those needs. One way that we move in that direction is to make sure that our districts are representative of the people who live in them and can cater to their unique needs as it stands now in the school district that I teach, there is one elementary School where most of the student body is by park just one. While the rest of the elementary schools shall minimum diversity. We all know the dangers that can arise with a set up like this. It is important to me that we not only reflect on the current values of communities, but to start the conversation on what the lions might look like in order to have solutions. I know we have other data sets that we can use if so, I think it's important for us to begin with that information. Given oregonians from all parts of the state and ability to inform and process sooner rather than later. I am hopeful that this community, the oregon legislature will use the data that reflects our growing needs. The legislature process of engage in Oregon communities in redistricting is going to be critical for the success and continue growth of multnomah county and surrounding areas. Thank you very much. For allowing me to speak.

Name: Rep. Lisa Reynolds, HD 36

Key Points:

- Encourages efforts to educate communities about redistricting
- Supports current redistricting process

Transcript: My name is Lisa reynolds. And the state represented for house district thirty six, which is the most urban district in the state and covers portland, west side. A significant chunk of my district includes congressional district number three. I have a, some of congressional district number one as well. Thank you for the opportunity to testify, say about this very important issue that comes up only once a decade. This past year we've seen unprecedented natural disasters a devastating global pandemic. And I'm a physician. I've been in the eye of that storm and the pen demik has claimed the lives of more than five hundred thousand americans and laugh count twenty three hundred oregonians. And this urgent call to action to address the stomach racial disparities across our country. Now more than ever, it's imperative that our legislative body insures at all or guardians get an equal opportunity to speak and have an equal opportunity to attend and are educated as something as important as the redistricting process. So I'm very grateful for these opportunities. You all are offering across across the state. I know we're still

staying in our chairs, but thank you. And redistricting is one of the most important pieces of work that we will do this decade and how we shape this process will strongly impact whether we can deliver justice to community that has historically been left out of this process. And with the infrastructure that care salinas and taylor, we have a real opportunity to write these past wrongs and to remedy division and discrimination with our communities and state. The chairs of earth at this process remain in the hands of a nineteen member legislature who are directly accountable to oregonians in or to create a fair, transparent, and inclusive process. Rather than a convened. Fifteen to twenty person committee, which I think would be convened somewhat hastily with the timeframe that we have at hand. And I agree with this, the stamps as well. It's imperative that we have access to the data needed for this endeavor, and something that we have relied around for a hundred years to complete the same work. And it's my hope that we learn and explore the most effective routes to educate and involve our community. So that we can maximize engagement. I'm grateful for speaker, co tech and senate president courtney for hearing these calls and working to petition the oregon supreme court can move the committee's deadline to more appropriate time for this year. Thank you again. Sure. Salinas and chair taylor for proposing this idea and working to ensure that No or going answer left out of this process. And I would just like to close, i'd like to see many of my constituents and people around the state engage with this re districting process. And hope for it to be as transparent and it's acceptable as possible.

Name: Blanca Gaytan Farfan, East Multnomah County

Key Points:

- High poverty levels and BIPOC communities in East Multnomah County
- Areas often hard to count during redistricting process; remember to engage during redistricting process

Transcript: Good afternoon, coach or taylor and for the man, my name is fine. I have been a resident in East one moment county for the last nineteen years. I grew up attending k through twelve in college in my county, and I've grown to call this community my home. I now serve as a director of programs at east county rising community projects. And we are in organization that organizes and builds grassroots leadership within east told them a county to create an equitable and livable community that is centered on the needs of the most representative. Marginalized residents are geographic and boundary of work stretches from eighty second Avenue. And he's portland to the city of gresham for you. What a village, and shall dale and be unincorporated areas and towards the eastern border of my county. And our focus is to address the social and economic disparities between west and east mac county in East mac county, about at least twenty percent of the population falls under the poverty line and twenty six percent of the children in our communities face poverty, which is really high are the highest in the entire state, and it is also the most racially diverse area within the county. And since the last from to cancel and re districting process in twenty ten, there have been a number of ships. And one of my county, including our community, has been grown to be one of the most various with an oregon more than seventy languages spoken. And it has become home to many immigrant and refugee communities to bring unique insights, cultures and values. So the diversity of experiences, the culture and the knowledge, i'm really position county as a geographic area with all of the conditions to flourish. However, too often our communities are not in, in the decisions that affect them and as a result are deprived of the resources that they need. Our residents are vastly under represented in elected office. There are lots of barriers to

civic engagement. The often the race or tokenize for narrative and existence and twenty ten. We collaborated with the we can oregon campaign and successfully increased the amount of parts count communities since the smaller my county and across the state to help folks complete their census and reaching more than twelve thousand four hundred people. The hard to count communities included people of color, children, renters, immigrants, and refugees, people with limited english proficiency, native communities, urban communities, disabled folks, and many others who are also communities of interest for redistricting. When we consider which groups need to be prioritized as communities of interest, we must also consider what political and economic power. And so these scripts have. It is imperative that we recognize the importance of centering those hard to count communities in this re districting process to ensure that they are together and not doing so will further create more disparities for those communities. And we know that use county residents have lots of assets and strings to bring to this process. And we want to make sure that the legislature here from those communities. And if we don't do that, it will damage those communities and the well being. We ask for a transparent and accessible redistricting process so that those members can be heard.

Name: Vivian Satterfield, Portland

Key Points:

- Need greater representation of Asian communities in redistricting process
- Use other data to understand communities while awaiting arrival of census data

Transcript: My name is vivian satterfield. I have lived and worked in a county and health district forty six and the district twenty three for the past thirteen years. I'm here as a constituent of that are michael dan brow, and my member that is represent come camp out. Com. Sam, i'm so sorry. On the fifth asian american like to the organ legislature and the person more than decade to present or district. Unfortunately represented by the two dedicated public servants who time and time again have demonstrated their commitment. The lived experience of our diverse and growing community. It's significant to me as a civically engage individual and community leader that frequently work with the legislative body on issues pertaining to natural resources, environmental justice, and how they in transportation policy. You will interact with decision makers to share the same live experience with our community. To shape and implements public policy and best address the circumstances that most impact us, our decision maker is must understand the problems and issues are and trust that together we can shape the solution. The redistricting offers the opportunity to see how half decade of significant demographic change can translate into greater representation for asian americans, course in household and other community, the interest or share similar challenges in our everyday life with the current policies system and prophecy that we interact with most frequently, as I mentioned in prior testimony, oregon has great resources, like the p S, population research center, to start looking at the American community survey at school for data and social service data, to develop math that can capture a more holistic understanding of our community. Can give us to start the process before the census data is available and then reengage the community with map using that data. The live pictures process for engaging organ communities and reappearing is going to be critical. So I look forward to working alongside you all the legislature at large in our communities to ensure the read it to engage a community that haven't traditionally seen themselves as part of the process and that responds to our growing needs. Thank you very much.

Name: Christine Bynum, Happy Valley

Key Points:

- Ensure young people are heard during the redistricting process
- Don't divide college communities

Transcript: Anything madame to the members of the committee, my name is **Christine barnum** and I'm a resident of happy barry. And a first year biology and spanish student as feldman college and went to Georgia, my desire to become a dentist to come back home to oregon to open up my practice. I voted in my first election last night and in and in the general election in November. Even though I have family years really engaged in politics where it was a little bit overwhelming, upset like filling out of work. I didn't know the answers to participating in elections is something that is very important to me. So I work through it and asked for advice so I can make a decision. It was hard and I think a lot more can be done to the importance of civic participation by young people. And if you know any young people, you know, we always want to be hurt. And Kathy and twenty nineteen I participated in effort to have oregonians considered lowering the voting age to sixteen. Because at that time to be charged as an adult drive as an adult and make your own health decisions like an adult. Or we could still not engage in the voting process. I know that oregon is serious about access to the ballot. So I hope that these efforts can be cruz's and possible. Tonight, if you consider how oregonians can be represented in the new voting districts, i hope that you will keep things in mind. Areas that have significant amounts of young people like me, that some states and county election commission were notorious for breaking of college. Pretty thing for the students or would be deluded. Here two examples cited in October article by the students at North Carolina and teen greece, both the largest historical that college and the nation was an enrollment of nearly thirteen thousand students joint forces in March twenty nineteen to challenge the congressional mat in place of the twenty sixteen and twenty eighteen election was created by republicans. The unfairly divided state University. Students said that political tactic known as cracking or doing mentoring weakens the voting strength of a democratic democratic majority by dividing the camps and to do districts. The bottom line ran north and south was the western half of the campus located in the thirteen district and the eastern half of the campus in the six district and responsive student government association. Political action committee created an online petition that circulated on twitter and instagram, that is the hash tag. Let ag vote campaigns conference edition of Early voting sites on campus enclosing i, I know you regard. The legislators was three sacred branch, the government, and that is made up of people, even sensitive information will be delayed. I hope that you are able to complete your work with the most representative body available in the states. Thank you for. Thank you for all the work that you do and you're taking time to hear young people like Very nice. Thank you.

Name: Andy Holthouse

Key Points:

- Tends to support current redistricting process

Transcript: My name is Andy, hold house. I live in Oregon city, my wife and I moved here in one, nine hundred ninety six from to all of them. And we enjoy living here. And I guess I'm just kind of old school. I don't know, admittedly, don't know a lot about gerrymandering or redistricting. I guess I'm in a learning mode, but I kind of tend to want to just leave things the way they are. If they're working, as they have

for decades or centuries, why change things? I don't, you know, I just don't understand it. So that's basically all I had to say. Okay, do I to add anything else? Can you tell me a million dollars? I have cared a lot of meetings and that may very well be fine at ever heard. And we don't we generally don't answer questions from the public during hearings, but I'm going to go ahead and take the chair livery and say, unfortunately I cannot.

ORAL REMARKS: Hearing 2 – April 10, 9:00 AM

Name: Rep. Andrea Valderrama, HD 47

Key Points:

- Large BIPOC communities in HD 47
- Support Legislature conducting redistricting
- Can review other data sources while waiting for census data

Transcript: Good morning, co chairs, taylor and salinas best chairs. Nope. And bosh, hart davis and members of the redistricting committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony this morning. My name is Andrea you. She her a pronouns and I have the pleasure of serving as the state representative for house district, forty seven out of east portland. And on the traditional lands of the mountain, know my Capital met, clackamas bands of chinook and many other tribes, made their homes along the columbia. And will emmet, rivers, also serve. As the chair of the david douglas school board of directors, i can see oregon's changing my graphics in my own district, even with the nine years I've lived here. And one, nine hundred ninety house is just forty seven, was nine percent by pop. And today there are nearly forty three percent by palm Communities that call my district home. Economic displacement has forced many families, further east into my district as housing prices in Portland sword. And as was the case for me when I first moved here, place its own grief and loss, i another by pocket immigrant and refugee communities have found ways to build community share culturally specific meals, provide multilingual educational opportunities for our children, and mobilize on the issues that matter, most of us, I know what a difference it makes to have culturally competent elected officials who lead with racial justice values. David douglas school district is sixty six per cent by park and over seventy six languages are spoken here. And yet I was the first and only person to serve on the diva douglas school board in two thousand and fifteen. Today, the board has three people of color by pock members, and we could be a majority after the may election. Why is this racial and ethnic representation important? Why does this matter? Since joining and sharing the board? I've been acted a sanctuary policy, birth control, dispensing in our school based health Center, native american land acknowledgements that the one of our board meetings and countless other policies and practices, centering the voices of our majority by pock students and families. Change happens when leadership makes different, makes decisions gives me with community because they are part of Community to I believe that the most representative body, ninety person, legislature, elected and accountable to the people must be the ones redistricting with substantial input from our community. I have every confidence that my colleagues will do everything in their power to make this a fair and balanced process where every oregonian who wants to be heard will

be. The redistricting committee has a once in a decade chance to draw the lines of our districts, and we must do more to engage our communities and understanding and participating in the process. Now that we know about the new redistricting timeline, I still believe the legislature should start pulling together maps for community to give feedback on using additional credible data from school district data to housing statistics to the American community survey data. There are many additional credible data sources that we can study before the twenty twenty census data is released in late August. Once the maps are drawn, a critical step will be completing the five hearings after the redistricting committee has completed the maps using twenty twenty census data. I'm excited to work with you all to support the communities of interest and ensure that our voices are heard in this process. Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify today. Thank you.

Name: Kathy Moyd, Portland

Key Points:

- Supports using independent commission
- Willamette river is major dividing line; current splitting of Pearl District from rest of Portland doesn't make a ton of sense
- Consider mass transit links during redistricting

Transcript: My name is Kathy Boyd. I would have preferred to be testifying before the independent commission provided for in 1957. But I hope you will follow the same guidelines for fair reapportionment. I had experience with legislator redistricting as a programmer for the redistricting of the California assembly in 1981. I was told on my first day our job was to get forty one vote. I was not involved with the drawing of the district, but I don't. I don't think we should tempt the legislator to make a deal with one of their neighboring legislators of the other party. I'll take your democrats and give you my republicans and we'll both have saved districts. I realize the need to have districts with the same population will favor the ability to keep communities of interest together, especially for the assembly, but easier for congress. And their being in the same district is not always make a significant difference. However, here it's what I consider my community of interest. I sold my car when I moved into downtown Portland block from Pender Square four years ago. So I have been dependent on walking and public transit. The key dividing line within Portland is of course of elaborate river, and it just makes sense to use it for district boundaries. In walking around, I have discovered there is no real distinction between the downtown area and the Pearl. I'm likely to walk north polls or shout auditory. I'm and Amazon picked up locker when deciding where to go for days going places that don't require me to transfer from one main street car or bus to another. Can I recommend keeping the route of the north south street or line in a single district at least for the state senate? This keeps my doctors that are each issue south waterfront. When my friends at Marabella, as well as my pre Cobra Sunday discussion group, there been grind in my district. The red and Blue max lines give me access to meetings at the moment. I have two other clubs and the White Book. I do recognize that on the side of the river, there are more easily identified communities of interest for whom action on the state and federal government levels have more impact. In fact, some of the separated communities result from actions taken by legislators many years ago. They should definitely be taken into account to facilitate the ability of those in these communities to influence current legislation. Thank you for allowing us to provide our opinions about the upcoming redistricting. Especially since the supreme court is allowing the legislature do little job despite the live, skip it, despite the later arrival of the census data. Thank you.

Name: Sabrina Wilson, East Portland

Key Points:

- Need to include whole community in redistricting process
- Large BIPOC communities in Rosewood area

Transcript: Hello. My name is Sabrina Wilson. I'm a resident of outer east Portland, and I am also the executive director of the Rosewood Initiative. A non-profit community-based organization located in SE on South is one sixty second and Stark and out of east Portland. We have been implementing Neighbor, their lead strategy since two thousand and nine. 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 in the community. We are happy to hear that the census data will not 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 and multiple ways to share more information about the redistricting process is critically important so that more people understand what is that state the you know, our neighborhood sits between the border of the city of Portland and the city of Gresham, Centennial and Rental School District and several legislative district boundaries. We are located in Senate District twenty four in House District, forty seven, but we serve community members who live in multiple neighboring districts because the neighborhood has 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 that can cause the neighborhood is one of the most diverse areas in the state with over twenty percent of our neighbors identifying as foreign born twenty two percent Latin next. And nearly nine percent African American, there is a high percentage of renters, and in the last ten years, the area has experienced a significant growth and population grows with zip code. Nine, seven, two, three, three has also had one of the highest coronavirus infection rates. Last year we worked to the census assistance Center and the Rosewood neighborhood supporting almost three hundred hard to count community members and filling out the census. Those numbers and our work for the centers are important. Informing the redistricting process. Our team worked hard to make sure the neighbors counted in the senses, and their voices also must be counted in the redistricting process. In our neighborhood community member, they're passionate about having quality affordable housing, open green space to play more public transportation options. While 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 they feel truly represent them and 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 that the time and opportunities to learn about and have a say in the redistricting process communities most impacted by these stuff. Structural and systemic dishes decisions are often left out of the decision making process. And it's all of our duty to ensure that it does not happen again or does not happen now. Thank you very much for your time.

Name: County Commissioner Jessica Vega Peterson, Multnomah County

Key Points:

- Oregon has a growing population that is also growing in diversity
- Need to balance community representation and seat competitiveness

Transcript: Cheer salinas and members of the committee. My name is Jessica vega peterson, and I'm my county commissioner representing east portland cast. Before all of you as the committee on redistricting is one of the most important acts in our democracy, determining the legislative boundaries for representation in the halls of our legislative branches, then salem, and in Washington DC is no small task. And for you to do so at a time with increasing political polarization, real feelings of disenchantment and active efforts across the country to suppress voting and undermine our democratic institution makes the task that you have all the more consequential redistricting is one of the foundations of our democracy and it's intended to ensure that everyone's vote counts equally. We've seen too many instances when redistricting issues to jerry mander safe seats for political parties, or to reduce the influence of people with color. These actions are road, the average citizen space and our democracy. Yet efforts to enshrine enshrined the value of equal representation and make politics. A battle of ideas are constantly under attack. I don't put it lately when I say that these two issues equal representation and more representative elections, as well as the influence of big money in politics threaten are very political system. People have marched in the streets and fall in the court courts for both the right to vote and the right for their boat to come to equally. So just as oregon has been praised for its trailblazing efforts to make floating accessible, whether it be vote by mail, motor, voter or prepaid postage for ballots. We also need to be leaders, ensuring fair representation as a former legislature for house district forty seven. And now my county commissioner representing an even broader swath of our region. I understand both the diversity of any legislative district, as well as the important communities contained within them, but deserve to be listened to and represented. I trust all of you to find a balance between identifying communities and interest and fostering competition among those fine for office. And the hearings you're holding out throughout the state will help you shed light on how to balance those needs. At this committee well knows you have special challenges with redistricting the cycle with covered nineteen and delays and obtaining sensitive information. It's critical that we obtain and use the census data and use it to take into account to significant demographic changes throughout oregon over the past ten years or not next, population has blue statewide, and our metropolitan region has swelled with two hundred thousand new residents statewide oregon's population has grown by more than ten percent over the past decade, making oregon one of the fastest growing states and the in the union between two thousand and two thousand and sixteen. The number of lat, next people living in Oregon grew by seventy two percent central. Oregon continues to grow rapidly as far other black indigenous and people of color communities has also changed more and more immigrants and refugees, communities from across the world from miriam to to, to make portland, their new home. As you book to create district boundaries, please keep in mind this growth and the representation that these communities need and deserve. We also need to have an open process that considers the rapidly approaching twenty twenty election cycle so that we can have assurances with the community on what to expect when it comes to potentially new legislative seats and wet in my five years. As a county commissioner, i've had the privilege of appointing no purer than eight members to this legislature, including the chair of this committee. And in every instance, multiple camp capable, dedicated people stepped up to serve their community communities. We need to give those individuals goes willing to put their names out there and run for office a fair chance to do so. I january sixth, the county Board had an

opportunity to appoint a senator to this body and the just the position of that day with three humble, dedicated community members, offering to serve their communities with honor and distinction and others waging an insurrection on our democracy. And the whole, the congress on the other side of the country will always follow me. We need to uplift the voices of those who want to serve in our democratic institutions and protect the votes of the people who live here. We need to restore trust in the institutions and that will take many forms. You all play a critical role in this committee.

Name: May Saechao, Portland

Key Points:

- Importance of growing Asian community
- Work to understand diversity of constituents

Transcript: Hello, good morning. My name is Macy Chow. Good morning, Jared, Taylor, Cherry, Selena, and members of the committee. I live in my county in congressional district three and I'm a native Oregonian first generation born from refugee parents. I am here with a panel today to about friends that like community of union, I will share some of the reasons why it is so important to make choices that are truly reflective of the residents of Oregon. I will also explain why redistricting matters and why redistricting decisions impact unknown communities like many of you, if not all wonder who are you, me and let me tell you a little bit about us. We are not like many people you will hear from today. You won't find us in the sense of data, nor do we appear in many other official reports. We are virtually non-existent. We're a small indigenous cell tribes from the mountainous regions of Southeast Asia and East Asia. We're settled here in Oregon for close to four decades now as long as some have been in office. Majority of us for granted asylum after helping the US government fight in the overt secret war. Our passage was made possible because of such access nationality acted like two sixty five than the refugee act of nine hundred eighty. All laws intended to have a majority group that we were aggregated to unions and other South East Asian communities are heavily concentrated in the congressional district three where many have invested their lives, where we have started and continue to call our home. We are working families, we are students and children. We are established business hours. We are senior and we are a resident to live, work and play in the district for small and now minority groups like it is important to keep communities of interest together in order to sustain the growth that we have made. Because of the lack of representation, we rely on the screen of our union, another community and community social advocates. People who we built personal connection most recently in crisis is like the pandemic and last year with the Southeast to port a's and deportation of low nationals. It was clear that collect the power of other Southeast Asian community partners, advocates and other elected officials that we were able to troubleshoot these problems together. Splitting our communities through redrawing boundary lines, dilute or voting power. In addition to dividing us in political decisions, thousands of us as a whole. For us, you, me and representation is not only important who is our elected official, but the community of people that represents who we are as a group. It is also a good reminder that the involvement of the community is absolutely crucial and projects such as we did. I stand here today only because the people who are in positions that share similar backgrounds as me who know of my people, people who look like me. As I closed this, I want to thank the chairs of this committee and its members for allowing my boys to be heard. I want to challenge and encourage everyone to make a commitment to engage in more ground level work. To learn about the true diversity of your constituents. I hope today is not the last or the end of the conversation, but the start a one of

many discussions to be had. Not just to those who look like me, but to the many other represented groups we have yet to learn about alone, we are strong, but together we are stronger. Thank you.

Name: Steven Demarest, Portland

Key Points:

- Neighborhood are important to Portland residents
- Supports current redistricting process and begin process now, even without Census data

Transcript: A gear Hello, chair salinas chair taylor chairs. Both are davis and can No members of the committee for the record. My name is Steven demarest. My pronouns are he his him? I live in northeast portland, where I am active in my community and a recent retiree from public service. I've lived in congressional district three for almost thirty three years. I moved to this district from northwest portland in order to purchase a home and to raise a family. My history reflects the character of the area where I live northeast portland, is a home to neighborhoods of middle and were working class family residences, neighborhood of historical communities, with a strong sense of neighbourhood and with neighbourhood cry. This is why redistricting is important to us. This legislature as he opportunity to help shape what sort of representation that ne, portland neighborhoods with their distinct histories and culture will have their representation in the state legislature and in congress for the next decade. That representation will impact our feature as communities and to help determine if the northeast portland neighborhoods, including our unique location base, commercial and arts districts, continue to thrive. To go, he see the neighborhoods are ne, portland, must not be divided by arbitrary district boundaries at the congressional district level. Portland and multnomah county, east of the will. M river is an area that has grown greatly in population and diversity. It has multiple school districts. It has inadequate infrastructure, it requires a representative who understand that unique issues and funding needs an open and accountable delivery process will result in fair district boundaries and oregon. So I support the legislature taking the lead on the redistricting process. Thank you for the links you are undergoing to take public comment. The public's input, including the input at the diverse groups in congressional district three is necessary for drawing their lines. Please begin that redistricting work now. The organ supreme court has given the legislature a short window between the hope for release of official census data and the court deadline that window could be very short. If the data is not released as soon as hoped, there's reliable avail, reliable data available now, including important state University that the committee can consider. So it is not starting from scratch. When the official center data is released. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Name: Tyler Gonzales-Aguirre, Multnomah County

Key Points:

- Remember to focus on BIPOC communities during redistricting

Transcript: Good morning, sherry taylor and salinas and the rest of the members of committee this morning for the record. My name is Tyler gonzales again. My pronouns are and he and him. I'm calling this morning to advocate for the committee's sorry communities who historically are under represented in political power and underserved in district three. Portland has many areas where folks camida, share space, connect, share our protest and support each other. The friendships that I have made in Portland

have helped me understand a little bit more how the county and state historic li left little to no support for black and brown communities. Folks in the spaces organizing mutual age, feel free feel there is room for change, and we demand for representation to be showcasing our legislative body. With the current proceeding, the redistricting committee decision can directly affect how much power we have as bipolar communities to be able to make the changes. We seek redistricting leaves too much gray area for commitment to transformative measures needed for the existing social issues. Our community space maintaining by pot communities together and building blocks would allow us to elect our community leaders who understand the struggle and who fight for the vision we re imagine in our organizing spaces. We also hope that the committee plans to have more engagement in Education with district district threes, diverse, and expensive communities. Thank you so much for your time. Say I'm going to hear anything this person say.

Name: Joy Davis, Portland

Key Points:

- Encourages efforts to engage traditional underrepresented communities
- Need more opportunities for virtual testimony as well as language services

Transcript: Thank you. Tears vice chairs and revisiting committee. For the record, my name is Joy. Elise davis. My pronouns are she and her. I live in mall, no. My county within conditional district three. I do many amazing things with great folks here in Portland, Oregon. I'm very honored to be the executive director of imagine black, which is a black lead. Nonprofit focused on democracy, civic engagement and leadership development. I lived in this a great state for seven years when I first decided to move here, I was excited about being a part of over zillion black community that have been driving in this state for a very long time. I was also eagerly excited about living in a state that's dedicated to improving purchase choice, civic engagement and democracy at imagine black, we envision a world where people of african descent enjoyed the rights, the resources, and recognition to be a thriving, resilient, and connected community. We do this through our black core for Ms lands, where we center the voice is experiences in prioritizing the issues of historically silenced and vulnerable groups within the black community. That, that looks like for us, centering ... voices transgender, non conforming sim, working poor, disabled, and undocumented people. We strongly believe that nobody is free until everyone is free. As you know, duty background in this space organ was not designed for everyone to be free. It was not designed for bypass folk in particular black and, and people of color to participate in shipping. Shaping misty, black or guardians, are ready to participate in this district in process. But in order for us to do so, we need a process that meaningfully engaging with us and educate us on why this is important. As you saw, it was really, really difficult for folks to get access to this call this morning. And I think that also speaks to the fact that we need accessible information. We need meaningful engagement that go beyond a virtual testimony or refute virtual testimony, opportunities to really deep engagement in the black community for us. That means that we need oppertunity in this information to be translated in languages like somali, swahili, i'm a horak in arabic. We need to make sure that we're mindful of our technology, divide in the state, knowing how difficult, again, it was for me to get in onto this call. I can't imagine what it looks like for folks who are more burnable than I am. We deserve, as they're going in to be involved in this process deeply. We deserve that vulnerable folks need to be involved in this process. We know that those folks that I mentioned bypass folks folks who are living within kind of those identities that I mentioned earlier are going to be greatly impacted by the decisions that are going to be happening in

this space. And it breaks my heart that we're not able to be here fully, and that we're not able to participate in the way that we deeply need to. I'm looking forward to continuing this process and working with you all over the next few months and making sure that in addition to having great translations that we also have an opportunity for a black american sign language to be available for folks who need it. Who wants to participate? I strongly urge you that in the next few months that we go a step beyond what we're used to and step be on our comfort to engage more and to educate our communities. We really do need information in advance. We need time to be able to digest this information and understand this complicated process. But we also need meaningful engagement. So I want to thank you so much for your time and for coming to me this morning and having the space. And I look forward to increasing the engagement with you all in this process to make sure that all or guardians are able to participate and be able to shape this amazing process. Thank you.

Name: Loretta Smith, Multnomah County

Key Points:

- Encourage engagement with communities across state
- Need to protect voting power of minority communities

Transcript: My name is Loretta smith and I lived in district three for the past twenty five years. And I'm here safari on why, but twenty twenty one redistricting process needs to be fair and transparent and not break up communities of color. How districts are drawn affects every political issue from the economy to the health Care, to public education. Candidate from districts that don't reflect the population, you end up with situations where electives support policies that the vast majority of people oppose. So they won't support policies if, if they are in to the, to the, to the day. When politicians manipulate matched for personal or political gain, it prevents residents like me from having our voices heard on all of these policies that affect us. Purposely breaking up communities takes away the communities ability to come together and to advocate for important issues is just where joy was talking about earlier. So I care about issues like affordable housing control, urban infrastructure. When maps are unfairly mat, you end up seeing a legislature that represents special interest in politicians instead of representing the people who they serve. Now, the legislature cannot ignore the contracts a race in America, enjoying districts. And I'm looking at this from a global standpoint. Everybody's doing the same thing around around the country. But for these reasons, the redistricting committees need to ensure that any bill it passes that protects the voting power of historically disenfranchised communities. Any maps need to account for the growth rates of minority communities as compared to growth rates, the white population. And as you see from the map that you have district one, district three and district five have had the most minority growth in the state of oregon. Because of the timing of the sensors and when the legislature meets. Unfortunately, the public has less and very limited time to view to understand and to comment on propose mat. In the electives have made things worse by doing every thing behind closed doors and marginalizing minority communities. And not giving the public any chance to comment on what is actually happening in order for our democracy feature function, the public needs to have a voice in the process. And I keep saying that. So I'm asking that this committee commit to holding a public hearing with public testimony on maps before everything is passed in every district. So everyone can be involved. This is an opportunity for the already legislature to finally get this process right. So I want to thank you for allow me to speak this morning and thank you for having this representing boss or davis. You have a question or comment and just a quick clarifying question madam chair and Miss Smith.

Thank you. When you say every district, I just wanted to clarify what your ask is, are you like every congressional if we're talking about a portion man, we need to have it in five district. If we're talking about the state legislature because I think we get our numbers for the portion on April thirtieth versus the statewide and the state sending in rep races and we get in September. But I think that it's important that the senator that you make sure that you're talking to opt moves across the entire stage.

Name: Emily Bookstein, Portland

Key Points:

- Encourages engagement with underrepresented communities
- Ensure the political power of these communities is protected

Transcript: Hi, my. Well first of all, dear coach Harris Taylor and Salinas, my chair has not been Bush Davis and members of the redistricting committee for the record. My name is Emily Book saying my pronouns are they them, and I live in district three and then a county in the concrete neighborhood. And I moved to Portland six years ago and I worked for a local nonprofit. I'm also a white gentra fire living in ne, in a historically black neighborhood. I'm new to the Concordy, a neighborhood, but it's very clear how gentrification and displacement are affecting it. There are black lives matter signs everywhere, including in my yard, but demographically, the area has changed a lot, according to the Concordy and neighborhood association between two thousand and two thousand and ten. The number of white people living in Concordia went up thirteen percent. While the number of black residents went down thirteen percent, and that trend has continued, I moved to this neighborhood in order to build my ... community, but long time by pop residents of Portland Tech to moving parts of their communities as neighbors, friends and businesses are pushed out last year I phone bank as a canvas, they're doing census outreach with Forward Together. One day I talked to a man and mentioned how important it was for the black community to be counted. And he said, what black community, my community doesn't exist anymore. It got destroyed and it was heartbreaking to hear that having community around me is one of the things I care about the most for myself. And that's why I'm also fighting for people who are to keep their communities together. And we need to keep communities together in the redistricting process as well. That shouldn't be so hard for black, indigenous and people of color, ... folks, renters and immigrants to elect leaders who look like them, who truly represent them and who will fight for their interests. So I want to know that the redistricting committee will cite to prioritize keeping communities together. Please do everything possible to engage communities of interest in the process and account for how displacement has disrupting communities already. And that process will set a foundation where bypass communities, the I G, b, T, q, community, and other folks who have been historically disenfranchised, can exercise their full political power. And I want that for my neighbors, for the ... in trans people of color in my life and for myself, because I know I will benefit when under representing communities have the representation and power they deserve. Thank you all so much for your time and work on this issue

Name: Nakisha Nathan, Portland

Key Points:

- Increasing diversity in Oregon and Portland region
- Need to ensure these communities are engaged in process

Transcript: My name is nekisha nathan And live in mold county house district, forty eight and congressional district three. I lived in Portland since two thousand and twelve, my fiance and I purchased our first home and the brentwood darlington neighborhood in twenty seventeen. And I was drawn to this community for a number of reasons. The spring water court or the parks and don't get me started on all of the cuisine from around the World along eighty second Avenue. But I chose to live here because it is where if you're most hum, this is where I first began building relationships with people who look like me and share similar life experiences. During my first four years in Portland, i was a garden educator for middle, the school students at lane, and linda and the lead kate school and the adjacent neighborhood. Many of my students were black somewhere indigenous. A lot of the kids spoke two or more languages. And summer immigrants, or are needed or again, or donia and, and their parents had immigrated from africa, asia, europe, latin america, and the pacific islands. Students would regularly share their struggles and tramps with me or both about their religious and cultural celebrations that they enjoyed with their friends, neighbors, and families. I also saw how hard it was for them to be heard. And I want to be clear on this point. My students spoke for themselves and they advocated for their needs frequently. But adults didn't weren't always able to listen or understand. And when they did, institutional barriers made it difficult if not impossible, to address disparities due to racism and equity and injustice. So when I think about re districting, i think about these amazing kids and I want them to be heard when they speak. I think about the legislation you will be voting on in this session. And the next, and I think about those impacts on the lives of students. I care deeply about organs, growing communities of color deserve to be fairly represented. And if our voices are divided because lines are drawn in such a way that dilutes our effectiveness and our capacity to engage our ability to support one another is hampered. And while the resulting harms are felt first and most deeply by those of us who are indigenous and black and people of color, they do not impact only us. Please keep this in mind as you move forward through this redistricting process. Share your plan in advance and ensure there are more opportunities for engagement and education with oregonian for by park. So we can be prepared and contribute fully and meeting for much for your time and for your work on this issue.

Name: Angelica Rabadan, Gresham

Key Points:

- Need for additional community services in East Multnomah county area

Transcript: Taylor and members of the committee. Thank you for holding hearings to listen to the needs of my community for that redistricting process. My name is Hailey god. I have been resident of rockwood and north with northwest gresham area for the past fifteen years. I'm here to talk about the communities need from lack of services. I will, I, for the household representative and send it to focus on the following when planning re districting. During this difficult times of the pandemic, the need for mental health services that are more accessible to the community has increased. Many of us have suffer from inviting depression and other mental disorders. The need for preventive services is high and there is no way to obtain them. Most of the time you need a referral or a referral from an agency. But the biggest problem is that there are no prevention services, which is why what is needed before going into

crisis. On the other hand, is there access to these prevention services? We could prevent extreme situation. For example, cases of domestic violence, suicide choices, sexual abuse, and harassment abuse of illicit substances and many other serious situation. I reiterate that we need preventive mental health services. I also want to talk about the problem of lack of support Services and counseling for people return to society. After being incarcerated. For these people to adapt, they need the necessary support to look for work, obtain health insurance to be able to rent an apartment. And many other basic needs that would help many of them to adapt and not we, we affect, for example, my son has already gone to leg periods of being incarcerated after his release. It has not been easy for him to adapt to society because there are a few jobs for him. It is necessary to have more agencies or institutions that help train train them for a job according to their abilities. Since without experience, it is not easy for them to get higher. And then another need for our community is to create more programs for our young people and to prevent them from getting involving gangs, greg addiction or illegal activity. There is a great need to create organizations like latino networks where young people from the community can integrate without having to be refer. But by the chord or another agency. Programs need to be open to the community to prevent criminal behavior. Thank you very much for your time and for listening to my to the community

Name: Paola Rodriguez, SE Portland

Key Points:

- Additional community services needed; these need to be culturally specific especially for LatinX community

Transcript: Thank you for holding here is to listen to the vision in need of my community for the redistricting process. My name is powell lab rodriguez. I have been a resident in the South. So he's poorly for eleven years in the area of david douglas. I will like the house of representatives and the senate to focus on the following points. During the re district, any effort our every day schools need more resources for immigrant families and for students who speak different languages. Mentors counselors, interpretation services in different languages, increased graduation rate for students, and support families to navigate the education system. I want to inform you about the need to have educational programs in schools to prevent bullying, physical and meant to harassment between children. My son was a, was bullied by a classmate for five months. The school stuff did not support me in that situation. They ended up referring me choice. I colleges who made me feel like it was my fault in the problems of my home. She told me, my son was the perfect, make them for bullying. We parents also need training and guidance to overcome this traumatic situation. Good access to low income medical services, difficult to find in my so a corner community. Unfortunately, many families, the resources such as dentist, atomic chiropractic and other specialists. We also need those services to be affordable for all families. Finally, my debbie, debbie district needs more medical services, teachers and principals from schools the culturally specific training to be able to serve adequately immigrant families will speak differently. What I would also like to see to the continual financial or for organizations like latino network, the serve, the most immediate community for me. It has. She had a great benefit for the education and will be enough. My family, thank you for your time in listening to me.

Name: Claudete Tapia Hernandez, SE Portland

Key Points:

- Additional community services needed; these need to be culturally specific especially for LatinX community

Transcript: Thank you for holding hearings to listen to the vision and news of my community for that redistricting process. My name is *spell* that I live in, Gresham for ten years, but for the four years I have been living in Orland in the Portland area near the area. I am here in the house of representatives and about the needs of my community. I want to inform you about the needs for that area. Portland school. First of all, the schools' research officers are not doing their job well. In my opinion. Many times they do not know or do not want to treat students fairly. My son was standing at Centennial High School in jail. I removed him for such a view by the school resource officer. My son has a strong temper that has gotten him into trouble. As a mother, I recognize that attitude and I know that he needs to learn to control himself, but that's not enough reason for the resource officer to mistreat and provoke him. Based on for me that police appear to be, I race against my son and my family. Police officers abuse their power against students, intimidate them for both and reprinting every time they make a mistake. They do not offer support, guidance or advice to correct mistakes. All they do is punish the police officers need more training so they know how to treat students of different races. Big different languages who have special needs and who have strong temperament. Second most east Orland schools are badly deteriorated and in need of renovation, I have been a volunteer in a school in son program started for many years ago. And every time I was employed oh, I was surprised because they were dirty, deteriorated in need of care. I cannot imagine how students, teachers, and everyone who worked in the schools could spend all day in a dirty and damaged school. He's Portland school deserve defense need and looking schools just I found in the west side of the Portland area. Once again, I want to, I want to consider, I want you to consider the redistricting. So funds for ease for the school are allocated and for culture, the specific training for school staff and resource officers. And students and families need to be considered and treated with respect and dignity. Thank you for your time for listening to me. Thank you.

Name: Aaron Munoz, Fairview

Key Points:

- Interlachen community is a community of interest but lacks sufficient representation

Transcript: Good morning to you and to me. We can thank you. Co-chairs, Taylor and Salinas, nice chairs and up and boss hard Davis, a member of the district redistricting committee. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Aaron when you, us delivering congressional congressional district three, the city of you may have been a resident of Oregon all my life. I'm here because I would like to redistrict community to know about the needs of my community. And so just based on those needs, how the redistricting should shape to make sure my community received adequate representation and funding in my normal county, just north of serve, you pass any boulevard in the blue neighborhood, the unincorporated community of installation. The installation community is an absolute community. The residents have Derbyshire's addresses, the children attend rental school district schools. The neighborhood is within various city limits, the exclusive, wealthy neighborhood. In the book area, however, the residents do not pay city taxes and residence do not vote for city of issues. Officials or during special elections for school board members. For example, I learned that the installation

community was established in the one nine hundred thirty's. However, I also learned that the intention of the establishment was to develop a private country Club. In fact, the area is sometimes called the fairview country Club. In my opinion, installation community purview is manipulated by the gerrymandering. The fact the city of therapy is not benefiting from electoral votes from the residents of the installation community and chairs and members of the district in committee. Please look into these communities that are predicted protected by homeowners associations and their own board of governors. They manage your own infrastructure to protect their own common interests in class. Thank you for listening and have a good day.

Name: Walter Robinson II, Portland

Key Points:

- Significant growth in North Portland area
- Consider past problems caused by redistricting and ways to correct for those this cycle

Transcript: Hello everyone. More. Good morning culture taylor salinas. Why shares not and both are davis and members of the redistricting committee for becker. My name is waltz robinson, second and my pronouns. Are he him? It is. I live in conditional congressional district, three multnomah county district tooth. And today I just wanted to talk to you about why redistricting is important to me and tell you about my experiences being a telephone in the morning res, impacting the California and moved up here almost ten years ago. So I spit most of the time that I've lived here. I lived in the north, portland area. And since living here, I've seen a lot of change just happen in this neighborhood based on decisions that were made years ago. And plans that have been executed. That adds extra added to the gentrification along interstate. And since living here, I've also seen how that affects the community and what cultural displacement ends up looking like when you're the last person that looks like you in your neighborhood and move away just to make sure that you're fairly comfortable in the space that you live in and I've seen that changes at no struggles just being in the, nor for longer. Having friends who moved here from different states working here ended up leaving because of not being able to find their community in tribe with these areas that used to be historically. Now, living along the interstate, i've had the opportunity to see display for any duplication along just at area. So I'm currently live an apartment building that displaced a few families and businesses, as well as looking at how things have changed a new see to pop up in this neighborhood. Since I've lived here by glades have been at it and things have just been extended. And to be this process is very important because it ensures that my voice is heard, but also the voice is within the bible community and folks who still live in this area are heard. But also more importantly, it ensures that are both count. It also ensures that we are creating a space and place to have elected officials that represented individuals within their communities and within these areas. So one To avoid further displacement and justification in the future. It would be interested to understand where we currently are based on our campus. And there was a ton of work done. And I want to come in to everyone who worked on the sense of development and county and that whole process as it was a huge undertaking. And one of the most, wow, this year's anyone has ever had one of the craziest years we've had to leave. So far, so in thinking about that, we don't, I'm sorry with that my time. Beeper. Yes. If you could please wrap up. Thank you. I'm so sorry. Ok. So to avoid that and sorry, I just want to make sure that we're awarding all of these things that could be future outcomes, but also avoid future voter suppression. So when we think about that and what redistricting and red line

he has already been to these communities, how can we ensure that we are one carving those wrongs and previous harms, but also looking for the future and how we can build the future. We want to see, so I want to thank you all for your time and your work on this issue and enjoy the rest your day.

Name: Katrina Holland, Portland

Key Points:

- East Portland comes together around specific issues, have many things in common

Transcript: My name is Katrina Hollins. My pronouns are she and her. And I live in walton County and have lived in congressional district for the last twenty four years. For the last five years, I've lived farther out in East portland to years living in two different districts, s D twenty four. H two forty seven, still a CD three and then an S two, three and h two forty five for the last three years. Becoming a first time home warner and twenty twenty. The thing that I've appreciated most about the community is the fact that it's portland tends to definitely rally together to demand what we need. This area is pretty politically active with folks regularly come by, talk about different candidates or ballot measures. And as folks have seen, we've seen a lot of diverse representation from folks that and in the office we hear about candidates ballot measures. And there are lots of civic engagement, grassroots organizations that work tirelessly to engage active and to people like it's also home to some of the most diverse schools in our state. And some of the most forward thinking individuals who desire to better serve our students and communities where I live right now, I'm park grows, i'm aware of multiple effort. She never safire school boards address student issues with a more equitable lens that we have along with diversifying school staff and teachers and many other things. But I also love this as a previous resident, northeast portland, on the twenty sixth area coming out to east portland. When I go to the store, it's guaranteed, but I will see black and brown faces that look like mine. There are a lot of culturally specific stores in this area, among many others. And many of us gather in different spaces with our neighbors to let kiddos play talk about issues important to us as well as engaging with some of these organizations. And I would hate to see some of those things interrupted as a result of the district in Texas. My hope is that like so many others have said today there will be some very active engagement with community to live out here during the re district processing. And I look forward to working with folks and organ legislature and our communities to ensure that redistricting engages us meaningfully that we have a lot of access and, and that the process that show engage in response to our growing needs. I really appreciate the work the child doing it is not easy as someone said a little bit earlier with a lot of responsibility on one of the most most difficult and volatile political environments we've seen and history. And so I hope that folks who continue to take the seriously and really Saying thank you for for your time and your work on this issue.

Name: Miguel Moseler, Portland

Key Points:

- BIPOC and other underrepresented communities has suffered in past, particularly when it comes to housing
- Need to make these meetings accessible; had issues getting in

Transcript: Hi, this is me. Good. Modular and leaving most of my country for thirty years. So I came here nine hundred ninety four travel here to work every day in the you here I saw the process of this city in walton County change you. I'm being a teacher for a bonus school. I B jacked it on a farm my husband

way and reese, we bill would been here from the beginning one with the change. It isn't the teacher was so was a bully teacher from point A bully school is That it's month or the black community, latino community, asian community. While all of this or this is school was there can funding within the do link or high School people and I was getting money and know what the South West was getting high amount of money. A lot of the political put that really So you know, I saw discrimination in the funding and who he think now is very important to me kind of a, B S P c B for day to wireless. Deep into for would be to tree there. My community, black, latino, ations, i coordinator, made together the go on. Their reasoning is going on here. You get by went to the white people. When you the by mean the like you do that fear clear from one, nine hundred ninety four to now why been press it? My husband, we've been watching business with the school. We live in community. I used to be a teacher, not there anymore. It built in Why people, we lot of money when this affordable is not florida will be removed. Did been take away. I said the trulia, i've grown to make a candidate whose shoes me to represent the p. C. B major. This is not happened. He was didn't want him, it shows woman, nobody knew america, everybody in the same way do better because we let go be a when we call a B. But today we become a threat for the people. Why? Because we, we vote, we choose why is affected us. He does is the boy that we need to be living. Yeah, I mean, surrender. We continue working, we farm had been going to work in my volunteer business. My business focusing in helping people to have a boy while the boy is we need to be together. Now I want to make sure about this meeting was very difficult for me to get inside this meeting due to Miss laura asked me to send them away to do it. I was, I went to it I think, to myself, included too. That was waiting. Forty five minutes to get in in this meeting, I cannot do it. It is called the franchise that you want it to be part of the people call and be part of this meeting. You have to make this meeting accessible. Easy way to do it you It's all

Name: Jordan Ohrt, Stayton City Council

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission

Transcript: Good morning. Here's who and it's in the redistricting committee. My name is **Jordan nor** and I'm a thing to the counselor. So in here speaking on behalf of myself as a citizen, i do live in district nine, but this is kind of a general comment. I love hearing from all the people that spoke today. I really feel like the public voices are very important. I believe that when I'm on the city council as well, and so thank you for having this. But mike, my comment today My us today kind of revolves around those voices that were saying that they wanted to be involved, that we need to hear from lots of different people from all different backgrounds. And to be able to do that. I really feel like we need to have an independent, non partisan body of people, citizen, not legislators doing that. As a sitting city counselor, i find the conflict of interest of legislators drawing their district lines to be a big one. And so I really feel like an order for all of us to be part of that process that, that really needs to be a consideration to have that non partisan body of people come together to, to draw those lines that can best represent all communities. Thank you.

Name: Nathan Bonetto, Deschutes County

Key Points:

- Supports independent redistricting commission

Transcript: My name is Nathan I and I'm a senior in high school from bend oregon. I appreciate the opportunity to speak this morning. Coming from oregon were partisanship at the state level has halted the legislative process for the past two years. I was inclined to search for the structural causes of gridlock. The prevent change in our communities. For too long, motors have been content to allow politicians to choose their constituents. Instead of the people choosing a politician. Government trust has never been lower in our nation. And with the creation of an independent commission, many of these trust issues can be solved. Boaters would be able to feel like the voted, voices are heard, and then vote matters. Legislators who would no longer be able to draw their own districts and disenfranchised voters across their state. And independent commission would lead to non partisan racially unbiased districts across oregon. In twenty nineteen a task force composed of organ legislators proposed about measured with the hope of changing the state constitution. The proposed ballot measure would set up an independent redistricting committee and committee members would be selected in an attempt to represent social and racial diversity within the state. While the other selection criteria would include voting in the state, a certain number of times, not holding public office within the last four years, and not having a family member in office. California, washington in Arizona. Have all been pioneered in this field, each with different methods for changing redistricting practices in their state, desperately needed. The oregon is counted as one of the more progressive states in immune oregon needs to be a leader in passing this legislation and prove the democrats are willing to compromise in exchange for more freedom. The people thank you again for your time.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Hearing 1 – March 10, 5:30 PM

Name: Blanca Gaytan Farfan, East County Rising Community Projects

Key Points:

- Need to accurately count/represent the diversity of communities like those in the Portland region
- Please make effort to engage people of all incomes and backgrounds in redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234459>

Name: Danielle Droppers, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Need to ensure representation of all groups, including people of color, immigrants and refugees
- Need to educate the general public on the importance of redistricting

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234535>

Name: Jennifer Noonan, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Supports creation of an independent commission for redistricting
- Do not gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234537>

Name: LaFonda Grant, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Gentrification is a problem in the Portland metro area
- Consider using alternative data as you wait for Census data to arrive

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235346>

Name: Vanda Hunter, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Need to educate the general public on the importance of redistricting
- Redistricting should preserve BIPOC communities of interest

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Hearing 2 – April 10, 9:00 AM

Name: Amanda Smith, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Urges creation of an independent commission on redistricting
- Do not redraw maps until Census data is available

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239367>

Name: Amy Smith, affiliation unknown

Key Points:

- Urges creation of an independent commission on redistricting

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239088>

Name: Britney VanCitters, resident, City of Portland

Key Points:

- Engage historically marginalized committees in the process
- Use alternative data until Census data is available
- Conduct a robust public outreach and education campaign

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239089>

Name: Dyvisha Gordon, resident, Multnomah County

Key Points:

- Engage historically marginalized committees in the process
- Ensure that racial and other communities of interest are reflected in process

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239230>

Name: Emily Bookstein, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Gentrification has negatively affected many Portland neighborhoods
- Ensure that BIPOC, LGBTQ, and other communities of interest are reflected in process

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239203>

Name: Fran and Arden Collins, residents, Portland

Key Points:

- Metro area has incongruous mix of urban, suburban, and rural areas
- Both candidates in the last SD 26 election were from Hood River
- Preserve communities of common interest

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238953>

Name: Gary Lietke, Democratic Party of Multnomah County

Key Points:

- Redistricting should reflect the needs of all Oregonians, regardless of race
- Modify the schedule to provide time for Census data to be used
- Hold additional hearings after data is received to give time for informed testimony

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239160>

Name: Giana Lawrence, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Maintain communities of interest
- Provide fair housing , fair wages, less police presence

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239365>

Name: Ivonne Rivero, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Gentrification has negatively affected many Portland neighborhoods
- Engage all citizens during the redistricting process
- Use alternative data until Census data is available

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239166>

Name: Joanna Harbour, resident, Estacada

Key Points:

- Gentrification has negatively affected many Portland neighborhoods
- Do not combine urban Portland and rural Clackamas County in CD3 or SD26
- Maintain communities of interest
- Hold additional public hearings once maps are drawn

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239225>

Name: Joe Curran, Community Organizer, East County Rising Community Projects

Key Points:

- Continue providing transparency and opportunities for public input
- Redistricting should reflect the diversity of communities of color
- Seek assistance from community-based organizations

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239151>

Name: Joy Alise Davis, Executive Director, Imagine Black

Key Points:

- Minorities have historically been marginalized in Oregon politics
- Redistricting process should focus on vulnerable populations
- Conduct more public outreach and education with communities

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239231>

Name: Kathleen Draine, resident, Sandy

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting
- Do not complete maps until Census data is available

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239162>

Name: Kathy Moyd, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting
- Utilize the Willamette River as district boundaries in Portland Metro area
- Maintain communities of interest

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239164>

Name: Katrina Holland, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Maintain communities of interest
- Redistricting should reflect the diversity of communities

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239229>

Name: Linda Mclucas, affiliation unknow

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting
- Do not gerrymander new districts

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239163>

Name: Lori Stegman, Multnomah County Commissioner

Key Points:

- Redistricting process should engage and reflect diverse communities
- Do not merge rural and urban areas

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239144>

Name: May Saechao, APANO

Key Points:

- Emphasizes the diversity of Multnomah County
- Maintain communities of interest

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<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239228>

Name: Nakiska Nathan, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Redistricting process should engage and reflect diverse communities
- Maintain communities of interest

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239227>

Name: Rachel Janzen, resident, Happy Valley

Key Points:

- Cities of Happy Valley, Damascus, Boring, Sandy, and Estacada are a community of interest and should not be included in a district with Multnomah County

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236926>

Name: Sabrina Wilson, Executive Director, The Rosewood Initiative

Key Points:

- Fully engage all communities in redistricting process
- Try not to divide communities of interest between multiple districts
- Wait for Census data to complete maps

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239161>

Name: Sharon Gray-Smith, President, NAACP Portland 1120B Branch

Key Points:

- Gentrification and racism continue to affect communities of interest
- Redistricting should reflect racial, ethnic, and economic interests
- Wait for Census data to complete maps

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239145>

Name: Steven Demarest, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Redistricting should reflect racial, ethnic, and economic interests
- Process should be open, accountable, and deliberative
- Use alternative data until Census data is available

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239165>

Name: Susan Pozdena, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Urges creation of a nonpartisan commission on redistricting

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/237965>

Name: Tyler Gonzales-Aguirre, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Engage historically underrepresented communities during the redistricting process
- Do not divide BIPOC communities of interest
- Conduct more education and outreach

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239226>

Name: Walt Mintkeski, resident, Portland

Key Points:

- Use alternative data until Census data arrives

Link to Submitted Testimony:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238805>