

To Whom It May Concern;

I understand that the Charter Review Committee is considering changing the basis for selecting future Charter Review Committee members.

As I understand it, currently, members are selected by state legislators, and there are one or two committee members from each Senate District. This ensures that Charter Review Committee members come from all areas of the county -- not just Portland, but also Gresham/Troutdale and the rural areas of east and west county. There are 10 Senate districts that represent parts of Multnomah County.

One of the proposals under consideration by the full committee would change this to instead have 4 committee members to be selected from each of the 4 county districts. Using county districts would result in no members from Gresham, Troutdale, or the rural parts of the county.

As a resident of Corbett, a former Scenic Area Commissioner, a current Board member for Corbett Water District, and President of our local Columbia Grange, I am well aware of issues facing our rural area and peoples and we need every opportunity and venue to voice our needs and ideas. We are unincorporated and have no local government representative.

Changing your rules regarding Charter Review Committee members selection would be a big mistake. I am asking that you keep the current requirement using the 10 Senate districts instead. It is important for smaller cities and rural areas to be represented.

Respectfully Yours,

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