10.27.21 Redistricting subcommittee notes

Present: Christine Lewis, Shirley Craddick, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Anne Buzzini, Connor Ayers, Ramona Perrault, Tom Kloster, Ina Zucker, Victor Sin, Clint Chiavarini, Margi Bradway

Today's focus: Scenarios.

Anne gave an update on public engagement

Clint presented draft scenarios to redistribute population from District 1 to District 4. Three prioritized minimal changes and kept districts relatively status quo. Two focused on using counties and freeways to draw district lines. One had a focus on ensuring that East Portland is not divided up.

Margi made clear that some of the maps did not take into account where councilors currently live

Councilor Gonzalez noted that the Cedar Hills and Cedar Mill area is very different from the area around St. Johns, which would be in the same district for some scenarios

Clint and Anne shared some of the feedback that had been received at yesterday's community conversation

Councilors discussed which scenarios they liked the most, which included the three minimal change maps and one of the maps that used counties and freeways

A major concern was reuniting Aloha into one district

Tom noted that using MLK boulevard as a dividing line may divide communities

Councilors requested more information about data on BIPOC populations

Councilor Gonzalez advocated for keeping the northern and western parts of Washington County in one district

Councilor Lewis preferred to keep a part of Multnomah County in District 2

Action Items:

- Create a map that unites Aloha
- Bring more data on BIPOC populations
- Anne will share public comments that have been received so far