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Redistricting committee hosting second public information session August 5

SPOKANE, Washington – The Independent Redistricting Committee (IRC) overseeing Spokane County’s process to draw five new county commissioner districts is hosting its second public information session on Thursday, Aug. 5.

During this informal public meeting, attendees will hear a brief update on the redistricting process and can ask questions and talk with IRC members.

What: Spokane County Redistricting public information session #2
When: Aug. 5, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: Northeast Community Center, 4001 North Cook St., Spokane, WA 99207
(Lower Level – Assembly Room)
Virtual option: https://zoom.us/j/98342866965?pwd=TFc4cFM0STM1QVp1TjQ0ZzQyXVqQT09
(Meeting ID: 970 8247 9718; Meeting password: 518970)

The IRC is developing a plan to divide the county into five new county commissioner districts, as required by the 2018 Responsible Representation Act. The IRC held its first public hearing on July 19 to receive public testimony and is developing a draft redistricting plan, which is due for public review by Aug. 24. The final plan must be adopted by the IRC and submitted to the Spokane County Auditor’s Office by Oct. 23, 2021.

The IRC plans to host two more information sessions and three more public hearings over the next three months. Find additional details, including virtual meeting information, at www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com. Public comments can be submitted via the website, by email at info@RedistrictSpokaneCo.com, or via mail at P.O. Box 31508, Spokane, WA 99223.

Upcoming public meetings

Aug. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Public hearing #2, CenterPlace, 2426 North Discovery Pl., Spokane Valley, WA 99216
Sept. 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Public information session #3, Deer Park Public Library, 208 South Forest Ave., Deer Park, WA 99006

Sept. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Public hearing #3, Moran Prairie Public Library, 6004 South Regal St., Spokane, WA 99223

Sept. 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Public information session #4, Cheney Public Library, 610 First St., Cheney, WA 99004

Oct. 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Public hearing #4, Northern Quest Resort & Casino, 100 North Hayford Rd., Airway Heights, WA 99001 (Kalispel Ballroom)

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The Spokane County Independent Redistricting Committee consists of four voting members and a non-voting chair. The voting members were appointed by local Republican and Democrat legislators. The Republican members of the redistricting committee are Robin Ball and Jim McDevitt. The Democrat members of the redistricting committee are Natasha Hill and Brian McClatchey. The Spokane County Board of Commissioners selected retired Providence Health Care executive Elaine Couture as non-voting chair to lead the IRC. For more information, visit www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com.