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Community has three opportunities in August to learn about, comment on
Spokane County redistricting

SPOKANE, Washington – Community members have three opportunities on Aug. 10, 12 and 17 to learn about and provide comment on drawing five new county commissioner districts for Spokane County.

The Independent Redistricting Committee overseeing this process holds its next regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Arena, 720 West Mallon Ave., Spokane. Community members can also attend remotely via Zoom. The committee’s regular meetings are open to the public and allow for informal public comment at the start and end of each meeting. Meeting agendas and Zoom information can be found at www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com.

The committee will host a public hearing on Aug. 12, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at CenterPlace, 2426 North Discovery Pl., Spokane Valley. During the public hearing, the committee will discuss the process and timeline for developing a draft redistricting plan and receive formal public comment from the community. Community members can also attend this meeting remotely via Zoom.

At its regularly scheduled Aug. 17 meeting, the committee may discuss the draft redistricting plan. The draft plan must be approved by the committee and posted for public review by Aug. 24.

Once the draft plan is approved and posted, work begins on preliminary options, which are scheduled for public presentation in early September. The final redistricting plan is due to the Spokane County Auditor’s Office by Oct. 23.

Public comments can be submitted at public hearings, via the website, by email at info@RedistrictSpokaneCo.com, or via mail at P.O. Box 31508, Spokane, WA 99223.

The committee is hosting additional public information sessions and hearings throughout the months of September and October. Visit www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com for dates, times, locations, and Zoom link information.
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.