



Spokane County Independent Redistricting Committee
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Spokane County Independent Redistricting Committee approves and adopts 2021 Redistricting Plan

SPOKANE, Washington – After seven months of intensive work and public engagement, the [Spokane County Independent Redistricting Committee](#) approved the [2021 Adopted Redistricting Plan](#) today during a public meeting.

“I’m very proud of these four people,” committee chair Elaine Couture said of the redistricting committee. “Their commitment to doing the right thing for Spokane County is evident in how they developed this plan. They listened to our community, they had a lot of tough conversations in their public meetings, and they worked very hard to draw fair and equitable districts that reflected community priorities. I also want to express my appreciation to the many people and organizations whose involvement helped to guide the process and the plan.”

The plan creates five new County Commissioner districts for Spokane County, as required by the [2018 Responsible Representation Act](#). These new districts increase the number of County Commissioners for Spokane County from three to five. Starting in 2022, each of the five new districts will elect a commissioner to represent their district on the Board of County Commissioners rather than electing them in a countywide vote.

The committee also set staggered terms of office for each district. Districts 1 (West Central), 3 (North), and 5 (West) are on an initial two-year cycle. Districts 2 (East Central) and 4 (Southeast) are on an initial four-year cycle.

Building the redistricting plan

The committee held weekly public meetings between April and October to discuss new districts and receive public input. The committee also hosted four public information sessions and four public hearings in different parts of the County to share information and hear from community members and organizations across Spokane County.

Nearly 1,000 public comments were received via email, website, and mail throughout this process, and the committee received many more verbal comments during its regular committee meetings, public information sessions, and public hearings.



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Incorporation of public comments can be seen in several ways in the final plan, including how Fairchild Air Force Base and the West Plains area are maintained within one district, how Spokane Valley is divided into two districts rather than the three districts presented in the draft plan, and how the city of Spokane is divided into east/west districts rather than north/south districts.

Next steps

With today's approval, the committee will submit the 2021 Adopted Redistricting Plan to the Spokane County Auditor's Office. The Auditor's Office will work to adjust existing district boundaries and election precincts in time for 2022 elections.

For more information on the Spokane County redistricting process, visit www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com.

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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.