



**Spokane County Independent Redistricting Committee**  
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### **Community has three opportunities in August to learn about, comment on draft redistricting plan for Spokane County**

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

The draft redistricting plan, based on the Independent Redistricting Committee’s work and public input to date, will first be discussed by the committee during its regular meeting on Aug. 10, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The committee’s regular meetings are open to the public and allow for informal public comment at the start and end of each meeting. Regular committee meetings are held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Veterans Memorial Arena, 720 West Mallon Ave., Spokane, and remotely via Zoom. The Aug. 10 meeting agenda and Zoom information are available [here](#).

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 draft plan and receive formal public comment from the community. Community members can also attend via Zoom. Meeting information, including Zoom credentials, is available at [www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com](http://www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com).

After the Aug. 12 public hearing, committee members may continue working on the draft plan and consider approving it at the regularly scheduled Aug. 17 meeting. 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, the committee will begin work on preliminary options, which are scheduled for public presentation in early September.

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



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

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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](http://www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com).*

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# Spokane County Redistricting Email – Draft redistricting plan comment opportunities

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**Subject: Three opportunities in August to learn about, comment on draft redistricting plan**  
**To:**

**From:** info@RedistrictSpokaneCo.com

Hello,

The Spokane County community will have three opportunities in August to learn about and provide comment on the draft plan to draw five new county commissioner districts.

- **Aug. 10, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**, Independent Redistricting Committee regular meeting
- **Aug. 12, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**, public hearing for draft redistricting plan
- **Aug. 17, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**, Independent Redistricting Committee regular meeting

The draft redistricting plan, based on the committee's work and public input to date, will first be discussed by the committee during its regular meeting on **August 10**. The committee's regular meetings are open to the public and allow for informal public comment at the beginning and end of each meeting. Regular committee meetings are held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Veterans Memorial Arena, 720 West Mallon Ave., Spokane, and remotely via Zoom. The August 10 meeting agenda and Zoom information are available [here](#).

The committee will host a public hearing on **August 12** at CenterPlace, 2426 North Discovery Pl., Spokane Valley. During the public hearing, the committee will discuss the draft plan and receive formal public comment. Community members are encouraged to attend in person or via Zoom. Meeting information, including Zoom credentials, is available at [www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com](http://www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com).

After the August 12 public hearing, committee members may continue working on the draft plan and consider approving it at the regularly scheduled **August 17** meeting. The draft plan must be approved by the committee and posted for public review by **August 24**.

Once the draft plan is approved and posted, the committee will begin work on preliminary options, which are scheduled for public presentation in early September.

**Stay connected and learn more**

There are lots of ways to get involved, learn more, and share your ideas and comments throughout this process:

- **Public events** – The Independent Redistricting Committee will hold additional public information sessions and public hearings throughout this process. Visit [www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com](http://www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com) for materials and information on how to join virtually or in-person.
  - **Aug. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.:** Public hearing #2, CenterPlace, 2426 North Discovery Pl., Spokane Valley, WA 99216 (Lower Level, Assembly Room)
  - **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)
- **Comment form** – Submit your comments through our online comment form at [www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com](http://www.RedistrictSpokaneCo.com)
- **Email** – Request addition to this email list or provide comments and materials via email at [info@RedistrictSpokaneCo.com](mailto:info@RedistrictSpokaneCo.com)
- **Mail** – Comments can be submitted by mail to PO Box 31508, Spokane, WA 99223

Thank you for your interest and involvement in the process to move Spokane County from three to five county commissioner districts. We hope you will join us at a public meeting and share your thoughts and ideas for drawing the most equitable and equal districts for our county.

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### **About the Redistricting Process**

The Independent Redistricting Committee (IRC) is drawing five new county commissioner districts for Spokane County. The County is increasing its number of commissioners from three to five due to its population being over 400,000, as required by [Washington state law](#). This is happening while the state is also moving through the [state-required decennial redistricting](#)

process which requires congressional and state legislative electoral district boundaries to be redrawn following the release of U.S. Census data.

[Visit our website for more information](#)

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**DRAFT – July 28, 2021**



**Spokane County is changing: Our population is growing and so is our Board of County Commissioners. In 2022 we will be represented by five county commissioners—an increase of two.**

The Independent Redistricting Committee (IRC) has begun the process of redistricting Spokane County from three county commissioner districts to five, with each electing a commissioner for their new district, 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.

### **Attend a public meeting and share your input!**

Date and time	Meeting type	Location	Virtual attendance option
<b>August 5</b> 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Public information session #2	Northeast Community Center  4001 North Cook St., Spokane, WA 99207 (Lower Level - Assembly Room)	<b>Call-in:</b> 253-215-8782 <b>Meeting ID:</b> 983 4286 6965 <b>Passcode:</b> 171862 <b>Zoom Link:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/97082479718?pwd=VDJLTitFOVFHQ2ZnN2h3SGJPNmZLdz09">https://zoom.us/j/97082479718?pwd=VDJLTitFOVFHQ2ZnN2h3SGJPNmZLdz09</a>
<b>August 12</b> 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Public hearing #2 – Draft plan presentation	CenterPlace  2426 North Discovery Place, Spokane Valley, WA 99216	<b>Call-in:</b> 253-215-8782 <b>Meeting ID:</b> 970 8247 9718 <b>Passcode:</b> 518970 <b>Zoom Link:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/97082479718?pwd=VDJLTitFOVFHQ2ZnN2h3SGJPNmZLdz09">https://zoom.us/j/97082479718?pwd=VDJLTitFOVFHQ2ZnN2h3SGJPNmZLdz09</a>
<b>September 9</b> 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Public information session #3	Deer Park Public Library  208 South Forest Ave., Deer Park, WA 99006	<b>Call-in:</b> 253-215-8782 <b>Meeting ID:</b> 983 4286 6965 <b>Passcode:</b> 171862 <b>Zoom Link:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/97082479718?pwd=VDJLTitFOVFHQ2ZnN2h3SGJPNmZLdz09">https://zoom.us/j/97082479718?pwd=VDJLTitFOVFHQ2ZnN2h3SGJPNmZLdz09</a>



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<b>September 16</b> 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Public hearing #3 – Preliminary options	Moran Prairie Public Library  6004 South Regal St., Spokane, WA 99223	<b>Call-in:</b> 253-215-8782 <b>Meeting ID:</b> 970 8247 9718 <b>Passcode:</b> 518970 <b>Zoom Link:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/97082479718?pwd=VDJLTitFOVFHQ2ZnN2h3SGJPNmZLdz09">https://zoom.us/j/97082479718?pwd=VDJLTitFOVFHQ2ZnN2h3SGJPNmZLdz09</a>
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<b>October 7</b> 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Public hearing #4 – Final plan presentation	Northern Quest Resort & Casino  100 North Hayford Rd., Airway Heights, WA 99001 (Kalispel Ballroom)	<b>Call-in:</b> 253-215-8782 <b>Meeting ID:</b> 983 4286 6965 <b>Passcode:</b> 171862 <b>Zoom Link:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/97082479718?pwd=VDJLTitFOVFHQ2ZnN2h3SGJPNmZLdz09">https://zoom.us/j/97082479718?pwd=VDJLTitFOVFHQ2ZnN2h3SGJPNmZLdz09</a>

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