



# Zoom Overview

- Meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the Commission’s website.
- We have Close Captioning, American Sign language, and Spanish interpretation available.
- Commissioners, please change your chat setting to “Everyone”.
- Community members, you can submit questions or thoughts through the Q&A.



# Independent District Commission Public Hearing

**Voter approved. Community centered. City delivered.**



# Hearing Agenda

TIME	ACTIVITY
6:00 – 6:05 pm	Welcome
6:05 – 6:20 pm	Educational presentation on the Independent District Commission
6:20– 7:55 pm	Public Comment
7:55– 8:00 pm	Closing
8:00 pm	Hearing adjourned

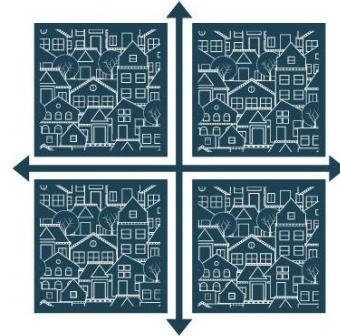
# Geographic Districts

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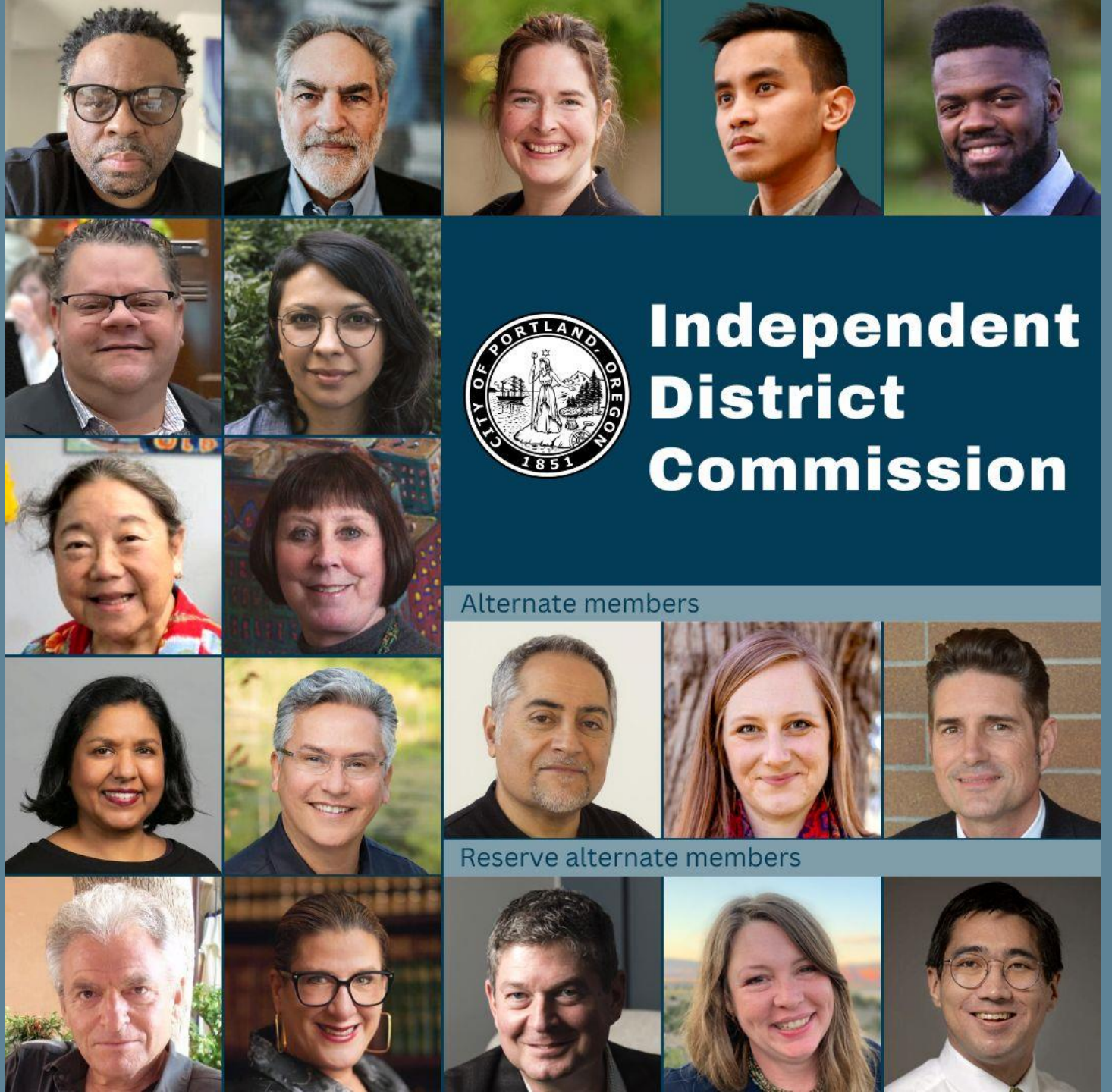
Citywide  
elections

FUTURE



4 geographic  
districts

# District Commissioners



## Independent District Commission

Alternate members



Reserve alternate members



# Voter Approved Charter Requirements

Prepare and adopt a districting plan for dividing the City into four (4) districts for the election of City Councilors.

Use the voter-approved district criteria to develop the map, and any additional criteria they set

Hold 1 public hearing before it develops the district plan to seek public comment on whether any additional plan criteria should be considered

Hold 2 public hearings in each proposed district before voting to adopt a plan

- The draft district plan must be made available 1 month before the first hearing and the Commission can't vote on the plan until 1 month after the last public hearing.

Adopt the plan by September 1, 2023

# Independent District Commission Process

- 1 Data Collection & Criteria Development 
- 2 Community Input on Criteria 
- 3 Draft Maps 
- 4 Community Input 
- 5 Final Map Adoption 

**WE ARE HERE!**



# Timeline

## February

Foundational work & District Plan criteria



## April

Deliberate on input received, vote on District Plan criteria & draft maps

## June

Released draft District Plan for community input

## August

Deliberate on input received & vote on District Plan



## March

Public hearing on draft District Plan criteria

## May

Continue to draft maps & vote on draft District Plan

## July

Hold eight public hearings: two in each of the proposed districts

## Sept. 1, 2023

Deadline for district approval



# Districts: Federal Laws

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## Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment

- “one-person, one vote”

## Voting Rights Act of 1965

- Section 2



# Required District Plan Criteria

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Ensure that each district, as nearly as practicable is:

- contiguous and compact
- utilize existing geographic or political boundaries
- not divide communities of common interest
- be connected by transportation links,
- be of equal population

No district will be drawn for the purpose of:

- favoring any political party, incumbent elected official or other person
- diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.

The Commission may set additional criteria, consistent with state and federal law

# District Criteria vs. Data:

*Data is used to define criteria*

District Criteria	Example Data Sets:
Contiguous and compact	N/A— Spatial Assessment
Use existing geographic or political boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School districts</li> <li>Neighborhood Associations</li> <li>Business districts</li> <li>Forest Park, the Willamette River, I-84</li> <li>Place of interest (libraries, community centers, hospitals)</li> </ul>
Not divide communities of common interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Area boundaries provided by the public</b></li> </ul>
Be connected by transportation links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ariel roadways</li> <li>Streets</li> <li>Max lines</li> <li>Bus routes</li> </ul>
Be of equal population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020 Census</li> <li>American Community Survey</li> </ul>
Not drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020 Census</li> <li>American Community Survey</li> </ul>

# Other data for consideration

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- Neighborhood associations boundaries
- Business associations boundaries
- School districts boundaries
- Early childhood centers locations
- Parks locations
- Fire station locations
- Police station locations
- Grocery stores locations
- Hospitals or health care services
- Bus routes
- Max lines
- Voter precincts
- Voter turnout
- US Census
- Socioeconomic status (e.g., Household income)
- Legislative boundaries (e.g., Oregon Senate Districts, Multnomah County Commission Districts)

# Questions for community:

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- Should the Commission consider any additional district plan criteria ?
- Should the Commission be more explicit about the equitable distribution of public goods and services in the criteria?



# Public Testimony

# Comment Period on Criteria

Comment period closes on April 3rd at 8:00am. Ways to provide additional comments:

- Online comment form
- Email to [DistrictCommission@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:DistrictCommission@portlandoregon.gov)
- Phone call to 311
- In writing to the: Office of Management and Finance, Independent District Commission, 1120 SW 5th Avenue, Room 901, Portland, OR 97204

# Ways to engage

**Public  
comment**

**Virtual  
Meeting**

**Draw &  
submit maps**

**Public  
meetings**

**Public  
testimony**

**Email  
updates**

**Public  
hearings**

**Briefing  
requests**



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