

Wednesday, May 31, 6 - 9pm



Independent District Commission

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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.

Meeting Agenda

TIME	ACTIVITY
6:00 – 6:10 pm	Welcome & Commission Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of agenda• Vote on set of co-chairs serving July 1 – August 31
6:10 – 7:45 pm	Sample Map Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview and discuss updated versions of sample map 9, 10, and 11• Map Rationale• Vote on map(s) to release for public comment
7:45 – 7:50 pm	5 Minute break
7:50 – 8:50 pm	Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions for community during public hearings• Public hearing plan overview• Outreach, locations, educational materials, and roles
8:50 – 9:00 pm	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presents on next steps and timeline for the Independent District Commission
9:00pm	Meeting adjourned



Commission Business

- Excused absence: None
- May 17 meeting minutes to be voted at future meeting
- July 1 – August 31 Co-Chair Nominations

Co-Chairs

- Serve from July 1 – August 31
- Process for nomination:
 - Open for Nominations.
 - Statements of interest
 - Deliberation
 - Withdrawals
 - Voting

Role of co-chairs

- Support the facilitator's role to lead discussions and keep the IDC to time/task
- Collaborate with staff and the facilitator on meeting agendas
- Provide guidance on content and ideas to meet the IDC's goals
- Establish time limits on testimony by members of the public
- Provide direction to staff in preparation for public meetings
- Provide feedback to staff on a variety of issues
- Participate fully and equally as a member of the IDC
- Encourage modified consensus decision making
- Lead meetings when all attempts at reaching consensus have been exhausted
- Act as an IDC spokesperson

Required District Plan Criteria

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.



Sample Maps: Flo Analytics

We are on a 5 minute break!

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Values

Communication

- Catalyst for transformative change
- Sharing knowledge drives impact
- Critical to listen to community & provide access to decision-makers
- Storytelling promotes inclusion
- Collective voice unifies City

Equity

- Preservation of diverse communities critical
- Remove institutional & systemic barriers
- Value intersectionality
- Acknowledge state's exclusionary history
- Rebuild trust using reconciliation & restorative justice
- Engage community meaningfully
- Cultivate safe & inclusive culture

Fiscal Responsibility

- Values, addressing inequities, & transparent budgeting builds trust
- Center fiscal resilience, climate, equity, & most vulnerable populations
- Be fiscally accountable

Transparency

- Essential for democratic principles
- Critical for reimagining political processes
- Embrace Open Data & information sharing
- Integrity & inclusion build trust

Accountability

- Office of Equity and Human establishes foundation & accountability mechanisms
- Accountable to City, residents, and IDC members

Collaboration

- We are Better Together
- Strengthen City workforce & community ties
- Civic engagement is empowering
- Inclusive outreach & public engagement promote institutional knowledge
- Community evaluation promotes accountability
- Everything we do reflects culture & values

Anti-Racism

- Institutional commitment
- Address anti-Blackness
- Counteract institutional & systemic racism
- Condemn hate speech
- Be accountable for commitment

Public hearings

- Hybrid hearings:
 - Virtual & in-person, location TBD
 - Recorded and posted online
- Accessibility:
 - ASL & Spanish interpretation
 - Additional interpretation by request
 - Near transit
- Educational materials:
 - Presentation & factsheet, translated
 - Print maps
- Commissioners attend at a minimum of four public hearings
 - Assign Commissioners roles

Fact sheet:

The Independent District Commission

A sample map titled Test Plan (Map ID 181869) created using District

What is the Independent District Commission?

The IDC was created by the voter-approved amendments to the City Charter. The IDC is an independent community body tasked with preparing and adopting the district plan to divide Portland into four geographic districts for the election of our city councilors.

It consists of 13 community members, three alternate members and three reserve alternate members. All members were selected and appointed by the mayor and confirmed by council in January 2023.

What is the IDC's Authority?

The District Commission has a unique authority. If nine out of the 13 voting Commissioners approve the plan, then it's adopted and final. However, if after two votes, the District Commission can't reach the 9 vote super-majority, then the most recent version of the plan is referred to Council for its consideration and adoption.

In November 2022, Portland voters approved Ballot Measure 26-228 that directs the City of Portland to implement these three connected changes by Jan. 1, 2025:

- Allow voters to rank candidates in order of preference, using ranked-choice voting.
- Establish four geographic districts, with three city council members elected to represent each district – expanding city council to a total of 12 members.
- Allow the city council to focus on setting policy and engaging with community, transitioning day-to-day oversight of bureaus to a mayor elected citywide and a professional city administrator.

Nine commissioners must approve the district plan in order for it to be adopted. This vote will happen in August 2023.



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How will district boundaries be determined?

The Independent District Commission will use the voter-approved district criteria which requires that each district:

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

No district will be drawn for the purpose of favoring any political party, incumbent elected official or other person, or drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.

Commission timeline

The IDC has roughly eight months to complete research, public input, discussions, map development and review, and hold the nine required public hearings. The District Commission must have its work done by Sept. 1, 2023.

MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
March 2023: Release draft district criteria for community input and hold public hearing		May 2023: Deliberate and vote on district plan		July 2023: Hold eight public hearings, two in each proposed district		September 2023: District Commissioners' terms end

For more information visit: Portland.gov/Transition/IndependentDistrictCommission.

How to get involved?

1. Submit public comments!

- Call 3-1-1 and share your comments.
- Email DistrictCommission@portlandoregon.gov
- Mail comments to the Office of Management and Finance, Independent District Commission, 1120 SW 5th Ave., Room 901, Portland, OR 97204
- Sign-up to *provide testimony* at an upcoming IDC meeting.

2. Submit a district map! The IDC seeks community input to help determine the boundaries of all four districts. Draw a map at: district.org/event/Portland2023

3. Attend a meeting! All IDC meetings are public. Join in person at the Portland Building or via Zoom! Visit the [IDC's website](https://idc.org) for meeting details.

Ads:

You're Invited!

Join the Independent District Commission at one of their July public hearings to testify on their proposal for new geographic districts.

Register for a hearing (in person or over Zoom):
portland.gov/transition/events

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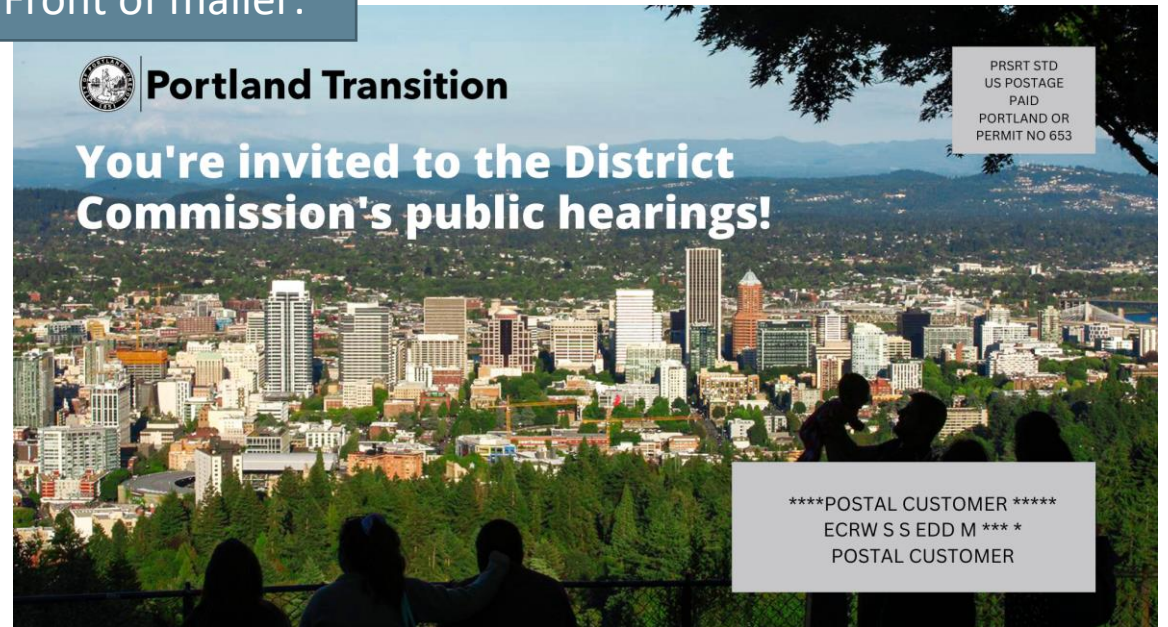
Review the maps!



Public hearing outreach

- Printed mailer (6 x 11) to every Portlander
- Paid advertisements in:
 - Willamette Weekly
 - Portland Mercury
 - El Latino Hoy
 - Asian Reporter
 - Portland Observer
 - Community newspapers
- Outreach flyer
- Email blasts
- Social media posts
- Press release
- Community partner outreach
- Community toolkit (email template, social media posts, & graphics)

Front of mailer:



Back of mailer:

Join one of the public hearings to testify on the proposal for Portland's geographic districts!

- Wednesday, July 5, 6-8 p.m.
- Thursday, July 6, 6-8 p.m.
- Saturday, July 8, 12-2 p.m.
- Sunday, July 9, 1-3 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 12, 6-8 p.m.
- Thursday, July 13, 6-8 p.m.
- Saturday, July 15, 12-2 p.m.
- Sunday, July 16, 1-3 p.m.

All hearings will have closed captions and Spanish and ASL interpretation. Let us know if you need additional accommodations or support!

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Questions to pose community

1. How do we best serve East Portland? (e.g. should East Portland be entirely contained in a single district?) How do we define East Portland?
2. How do we best serve the Central City? (e.g. should the Central City be kept together? If so, should it be grouped with West Portland? N/NE Portland?)
3. How can we be thoughtful about keeping together historical Albina, which was split by the building of I-5?
4. How do we respond to the fact that less than a quarter of the city's population lives west of the river? (e.g. Should there be a single district that contains all of the city west of the river? If so, should it also include St. John's, Central Eastside, or Sellwood (the three options for contiguity)?)

Next Steps

- Help outreach & promote public hearings
- Sign-up for public hearings you will attend



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Let's talk about Portland's future geographic districts!

Join the Independent District Commission virtually or in person to share your thoughts and discuss the new district maps.

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Meeting Adjourned

