

HPD ICRC Commissioners

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Subject: RE: Redistricting Commission Moves to Virtual Public Forums in Response to Raising COVID-19 Concerns

Hello again!

Following up regarding the below.

Do you anticipate this changing to virtual given the change in COVID Stage 5 guidelines today?

Thanks!
Jessi

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Subject: FW: Redistricting Commission Moves to Virtual Public Forums in Response to Raising COVID-19 Concerns

Hi!

Thanks for all of your work here.

Writing to find out how sites were determined to go virtual or stay in-person. Any feedback you can share?

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Redistricting Commission Moves to Virtual Public Forums in Response to Raising COVID-19 Concerns

Most remaining meetings shifting to virtual; two additional virtual-only meetings were added to the schedule.

The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC) is working to confront challenges to scheduling public forums in every City Council district given the recent move to Stage-4 of COVID precautions. The commissioners have replaced some in-person meetings with virtual meetings and have also added two virtual meetings to their schedule – Full schedule below. These forums are the ICRC's primary method of receiving public feedback related to the redistricting of the 10 Austin city council boundaries.

"One of the biggest challenges this commission has faced in getting the word out to the public that these forums are happening has been COVID," said Commissioner Dr. Sterling Lands. "People are afraid to congregate, so we are hosting some public forums online via Zoom."

After the Austin City Library closed its branches when the city moved to Stage-4 of COVID precautions, Tuesday's District 6 Public Forum, among others, has moved to a virtual format. The

public can still attend the District 6 public forum 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021, via Zoom – Details below.

The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC) continues to focus on gathering feedback in each of the districts as it waits for the 2020 Census data to redraw the boundaries for the 10 city council districts and will host in-person public forums in accordance with Austin Public Health safety guidelines.

Adjusted Schedule of remaining ICRC public forums:

- Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 6-8 p.m., District 6 via Videoconferencing,
Join Zoom Meeting at:
<https://zoom.us/j/93834842830?pwd=ajNDNzhYRHFDWxEQ3RFSmh6MExBUT09>
Meeting ID: 938 3484 2830
Passcode: 7Fn9ST
- Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021, 1-3 p.m., District 3 via Videoconferencing,
Join Zoom Meeting at:
<https://zoom.us/j/97196422290?pwd=cjVzNDRzNDJ2R09VRk9ML2h3am1jdz09>
Meeting ID: 971 9642 2290
Passcode: cwKV8g
- Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021, 6-8 p.m., District 2 at Mendez Middle School, 5106 Village Square Dr., Austin, TX 78744
- Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021, 1-3 p.m., District 1 at George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina St., Austin, TX 78702
- Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, 6-8 p.m., District 5 via Videoconferencing,
Join Zoom Meeting at:
<https://zoom.us/j/97858938245?pwd=RDNmdzNMcfZnaHZiU2tFTHRyUEJpZz09>
Meeting ID: 978 5893 8245

Passcode: 1pHMxp

- Saturday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m.-noon, Virtual Public Forum No. 1 via Videoconferencing,
Join Zoom Meeting at:
<https://zoom.us/j/98899977402?pwd=MW9hS05WMmJOTWVsK1ZFeFJOYXpVUT09>
Meeting ID: 988 9997 7402
Passcode: dFc0nd
- Friday, Aug. 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Virtual Public Forum No. 2, via Videoconferencing,
Join Zoom Meeting at:
<https://zoom.us/j/99080158693?pwd=cjZRODhCYTY3dGwvQzN0NkhtUWoxQT09>
Meeting ID: 990 8015 8693
Passcode: H639E4c

Interpretation and/or translation services in Spanish, Chinese, or Vietnamese are available free of charge by advance request. Call 311 or email matthew.dugan@austintexas.gov to request these services 48-hours in advance of a forum.

Public input forums are recorded and made available after the meetings here:
<http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>.

Past meetings and agendas can be viewed on the commission's website at:
www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/116_1.htm

About the ICRC

The volunteer board of commissioners wants to learn about the unique characteristics of Austin's communities from community members themselves. Community members are familiar with their neighborhoods and have crucial feedback to help the commissioners determine the areas that

should remain intact and/or be grouped together. This way they are inviting the public to these public forums.

These volunteers are committed to drawing up a fair, impartial, and inclusive city district map. At these forums, attendees will hear from the ICRC about the process being followed to create the new City Council district maps.

The goal is to have a new district map approved in November.

To contact ICRC commissioners or leave feedback please email:

icrc.commissioners@austintexas.gov or by direct mail: Housing and Planning Department, Attn: ICRC, P.O. Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767.

To find City Council Districts in Austin visit this link and type in an address:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/GIS/CouncilDistrictMap/>

ICRC Information

Commissioners are: Joshua Blank (District 8), Sara Inés Calderón (D2), Erin Dempsey (D10), Camellia Falcon (D7), Luis Gonzalez (D10, Vice-Chair), Errol Hardin (D1), Shaina Kambo (D9), Prabhu Kannan (D5), Dr. Sterling Lands (D4), Hoang Le (D8), Brigham Morris (D3), Christina Puentes (D7, Chair), Eugene Schneider (D6) and Selina Yee (D1).

The ICRC board will hold its weekly commission meeting via videoconferencing 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021.

To join the Zoom meeting visit:

<https://zoom.us/j/98278207374?pwd=eEhDSFpzNjVlZWFXNGcyYWpOKzZvZz09>

Login credentials: Meeting ID: 982 7820 7374 Passcode: iqY34Q

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