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Legislative Redistricting Committee Public Hearing Schedule

SALT LAKE CITY – Once the 2020 U.S. Census data is released, the 20-member bipartisan Legislative Redistricting Committee will travel across Utah and hold public hearings to gather input, listen to constituents and receive feedback. Nineteen public hearings are scheduled throughout the state. While in-person attendance is encouraged, public hearings will have a virtual option.

The Legislative Redistricting Committee's public hearing schedule* includes:

- Wednesday, August 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the State Capitol
- Thursday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. at the State Capitol
- Tuesday, September 7 at 1:00 p.m. in Ogden
- Tuesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Logan
- Wednesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Grantsville
- Monday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Orem
- Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Rose Park
- Friday, September 24 at 1:00 p.m. in Cedar City
- Saturday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m. in St. George
- Wednesday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Richfield
- Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Moab
- Thursday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. in Price
- Friday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Vernal
- Friday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Park City
- Wednesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Clearfield
- Tuesday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the State Capitol
- Monday, November 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the State Capitol
- Tuesday, November 9 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Capitol
- Wednesday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the State Capitol

"Public involvement is essential to the redistricting process and having public hearings across the state provides opportunities to answer questions Utahns may have," said Sen. Scott Sandall, co-chair of the Legislative Redistricting Committee. "In the Legislature, we are committed to a fair, balanced, and transparent process. I encourage Utahns to join us and participate in this process."

Utahns are encouraged to draw their own map to recommend to the committee using a state-ofthe-art map drawing tool that will be available on the committee's website in the fall. "My priority as co-chair of the Legislative Redistricting Committee is to lead a transparent process with ample opportunity for public input," said Rep. Paul Ray, co-chair of the Legislative Redistricting Committee. "Whether you attend a public hearing or submit a map online, your input will help guide our decisions. Senator Sandall and I, along with the rest of our committee, look forward to meeting with Utahns and listening to their feedback."

Every ten years, the Legislature is constitutionally required to redraw district boundaries to reflect population changes based on the most recent population data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Usually, states receive the necessary redistricting data by April. Due to COVID-19 delays, the data is expected in mid-August, and the software for drawing maps should be available by early September. The Legislative Redistricting Committee will announce additional details regarding the data as new information becomes available.

Learn more about the redistricting process at: redistricting.utah.gov.

*Dates and times may change. For the most updated information, visit <u>le.utah.gov/calendar.html</u>.

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