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Legislative Redistricting Committee Continues through Map Drawing Process

SALT LAKE CITY – Today, the Independent Redistricting Commission presented its final map recommendations to the Legislative Redistricting Committee.

The Legislative Redistricting Committee will now continue to work on maps to propose to the public and full Legislature, taking into consideration the additional public input and commission recommendations received today. The committee will hold a public meeting to discuss the chair's recommended congressional, legislative and state school board maps on Monday, November 8.

"The legislative committee and the independent commission have been on parallel paths, gathering input, listening to feedback and drawing maps," said Sen. Scott Sandall, co-chair of the Legislative Redistricting Committee. "We are going to look at the commission's recommendations, as well as review public maps and comments. Redistricting is an incredibly difficult and complex process. We appreciate all Utahns, including the Independent Redistricting Commission, for taking the time to work on maps and attend meetings."

The Legislature's special session to adopt maps is planned to begin on November 9. Maps will be adopted in mid-to-late November to give sufficient time for county clerks to enter data for elections.

"We appreciate the time and effort the Independent Commission took to provide these recommendations," said Rep. Paul Ray, co-chair of the Legislative Redistricting Committee. "Redistricting is a constitutional responsibility that we, as chairs, a committee, and the Legislature, do not take lightly. Our goal is to draw maps that fairly represent all Utahns—based on the feedback we received directly from local communities over the last several months. While we will evaluate the commission's submissions and use them to find areas which also align with the public input we have received, the Legislature is ultimately accountable to the people who have elected us and whom we represent."

The committee has been and will continue to maintain an open and transparent process. Despite the 2020 Census data delays and an accelerated redistricting timeline, the Legislative Redistricting Committee held the same number of town hall meetings as the previous redistricting cycle.

Public feedback, input and concerns have been and will continue to be encouraged, welcomed and helpful as the committee works to draw maps that will best represent the state for the next 10

years. Utahns may add comments to maps submitted by the public and the Independent Redistricting Commission here.

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