

## Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association to hold webinar with Independent District Commission members

The Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association will hold a Zoom webinar to discuss the Independent District Commission's proposals to create geographic voting districts to elect City of Portland councilors on Tuesday, July 18, at 7 pm. We will be joined by two members of the IDC to discuss the work of the Commission. All are welcome to attend.

With the November 2022 election, Portland voters approved major changes to Portland's form of government. Important among those changes is to divide Portland into four geographic districts, each of which will elect three councilor representatives using a ranked choice voting method. This is the first time Portland councilors (currently commissioners) will be elected from geographic districts, rather than at large.

The IDC is moving forward quickly to establish these voting districts. The public comment period closes on July 22nd.

Panelists for the upcoming webinar include Matthew Timberlake, ENA president; Rod Merrick, Land Use co-chair and former ENA President; John Liu, Laurelhurst neighbor, land use and historic preservation activist; and Jane Monson, Eastmoreland neighbor. Also on the panel will be two members of the District Commission, Melody Valdini and Sharon VanSickle Robbins. Former ENA board member David Lytle will moderate.

The program will include specifics about the three proposed district maps and their effects on Southeast Portland. The Alder proposed map includes Eastmoreland, Sellwood, and Westmoreland with Western Portland. The Cedar proposed map includes Sellwood and Westmoreland with Western Portland neighborhoods and Eastmoreland with Southeast neighborhoods. Only one map, Maple, proposes grouping Eastmoreland, Sellwood, and Westmoreland with other voters in Portland's Southeast.

Please mark your calendar now to attend. These changes will impact our political agency for years to come. We hope to hear from you at our Zoom webinar. Questions can be submitted via Zoom Q&A. We also encourage residents to attend one of the in-person public hearings with the IDC.

For further information about the redistricting process approved by voters in 2022, the proposed maps, and the hearings that are being held throughout the City through July 16, visit <https://www.portland.gov/transition/districtcommission>. For further information about the upcoming ENA Webinar, including how to attend, please visit <https://eastmorelandpdx.org>.