




**AGENDA  
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Item 7.A**

**2020 Census Commissioner  
Redistricting Alternatives  
Public Hearing**

DATE SUBMITTED:	February 23, 2022	MEETING DATE:	March 9, 2022
TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	FROM: Justin Clary, General Manager		
GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL			
ATTACHED DOCUMENTS	1. Commissioner Redistricting Existing Conditions and Draft Maps		
TYPE OF ACTION REQUESTED	RESOLUTION <input type="checkbox"/>	FORMAL ACTION/ MOTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INFORMATIONAL /OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>

**BACKGROUND / EXPLANATION OF IMPACT**

The District is a special purpose district authorized under Title 57 Revised Code of Washington (RCW). The District is governed by five (5) commissioners who set the policies and rates of the District. The District is divided into five distinct *commissioner districts*; each represented by a resident elected from that commissioner district to serve a six-year term of office.

Redistricting is the process of redrawing district boundaries to adjust for population changes that occurred in the last decade. Every 10 years (following receipt of the federal decennial census data), the District goes through the redistricting process to create commissioner districts that are relatively equal in population to ensure all residents of the District have access to fair representation. Per [RCW 29A.76.010\(3\)](#), the District is required to “prepare a plan for redistricting its internal or director districts” by November 15, 2022. A number of factors, including the COVID-19 pandemic, delayed the U.S. Census Bureau’s release of population data specific to the District (data was originally scheduled to be released in Spring 2021). 2020 Census data was received in Fall 2021 and FLO Analytics (FLO) has been contracted to assist the District in completing the redistricting process within the statutory deadlines and requirements.

FLO has collected and compiled all data required to perform the demographic analysis. This includes the 2020 TIGER/Line shapefiles for Census tract, block group and block geographies, the 2020 P.L. 94-171 Redistricting Data shapefiles, and the 2020 P.L. 171 Redistrict Data summary files. FLO has since developed two initial commissioner district boundary options, which were presented to the Board during its regularly scheduled February 23, 2022, meeting, that comply with state, local, and federal legal requirements. Based upon Board discussion, both options have been advanced to receive public input during a public hearing scheduled for the March 9, 2022, meeting. Staff recommends that, following public input, the Board provide direction to staff and FLO regarding the preferred

map (or any revision thereof) that should be returned to the Board for formal consideration of adoption during its March 30, 2022, meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Project cost is \$5,000.

**APPLICABLE EFFECTIVE UTILITY MANAGEMENT ATTRIBUTE(S)**

Stakeholder Understanding & Support

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION**

No formal action is recommended at this time.

**PROPOSED MOTION**

None