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# AT LARGE



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## Land Acknowledgment

Reimagine Spokane invites you to join us in acknowledging that we are living and reimagining on the traditional homelands of the Spokane Tribe of Indians and many other tribes who are connected through a shared history of trade, celebration, and resources.

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Land



Photo credit: Spokane Tribes

We pay our respects to Native peoples and their past and present elders, and also to the many different ethnic people who are indigenous peoples of their own ancestral lands who have all shaped the history that has led us to this moment. We are grateful to be on this land and to be able to be in community with the local Native people who have been, and still remain, stewards of this Earth.



Photo credit: Ryann Louie

We ask you to carefully examine the society in which we currently exist to learn the truths of our communities of color who have been disregarded, displaced, and erased by the colonial mindset that still persists today. We are here to reimagine a new world with, and for, people and planet, and we commit to taking actions toward restorative justice.

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ACTION LEAGUE  
OF SPOKANE

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# SPECTRUM CENTER

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Together

## OUR MISSION:

**WE CREATE AN LGBTQIA2S+ COMMUNITY THAT IS SAFE, INTERSECTIONAL, & INTERGENERATIONAL. WE CELEBRATE RESILIENT, HEALTHY COMMUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS & SUPPORT, ARTS & CULTURE, ACCESS TO RESOURCES, AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.**

We reimagine Spokane through our direct action work, including giving away free gender-affirming products and gear through our GAP Program, advocating for the many intersectional needs of LGBTQIA2S+ people in local and state government; and in corporate training sessions, sponsoring and sharing art from queer artists, holding free vaccine clinics, and overall working towards the collective liberation, safety, and happiness of queer people in Eastern WA and Northern ID.

Follow Us  
on Socials!

@spectrumcenterspokane



## OUR WEBSITE



See how queer artists  
reimagine Spokane!



# ODD FORTUNE

When I realized I was a girl I was lucky that I was able to access the healthcare I needed quickly and easily.



My bodily autonomy was supported by her expertise



Over the course of 2020 we were able to adjust my hormone regimen to fit my unique needs



Unfortunately this is not the typical experience of trans healthcare.



If you're unlucky you'll find yourself having to prove your transness to an uncaring/inexperienced doctor who may try to talk you out of your decision.



If they do prescribe HRT it will be the standard unchanging regimen that often wont fit your needs.



Realizing your gender is a disorienting experience. Access to safe healthcare should be the least of your worries.



Imagine if there were specialized trans healthcare centers where you could get HRT and other life-saving procedures in a gender-affirming environment



How beautiful could we become if our bodies were truly ours?

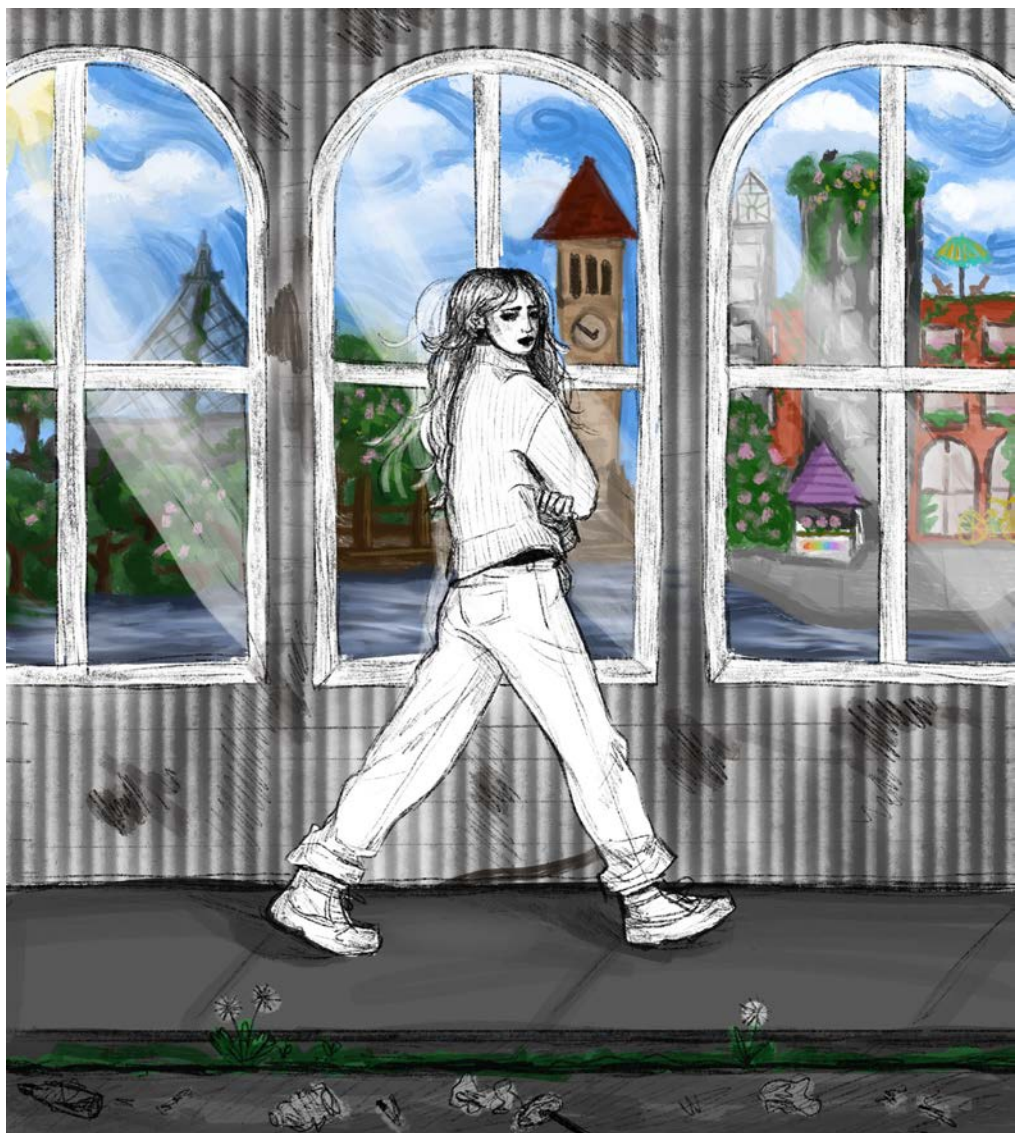
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by Christopher Barker

release  
through streets this  
beast, rose petal stampede  
as Missoulain deluge  
past Palouse, even out  
to Wazzu; balsamroot  
too decolonize  
alongside bees—  
freed regionally, many a  
vibration  
via web-twixt-vine  
interface; ivy dances  
an expanse of ponderosa  
kissing maple pavilion,  
acre  
upon acre, millions, & care  
takers lodged  
in collective chaos  
(where reaping  
loves as much  
as sowing,  
whose desires  
contrive  
in tandem), when  
any body  
breathes rhythms  
without cease.











**SPOKANE IS VIVID IN HER  
POTENTIAL, I TRULY  
BELIEVE.**



**TO TAKE SOMETHING ALREADY  
BUILT AND TRANSFORM IT FROM  
AN ABANDONED STREET,**



**TO BLOSSOM INTO AN  
ACCESSIBLE AND SAFE  
PLACE FOR ALL OF US IN  
EVERY COMMUNITY.**



**A FLOURISHING GARDEN,  
FREE FOR ANY SOUL, RIPE  
WITH OUR PASSION.**



**IMAGINE! AN INCLUSIVE, PEOPLE-ORIENTED  
SPACE, OURS TO CREATE, WITH AMPLE  
RESOURCES TO GIVE BACK TO ANY IN NEED.**



**THERE IS MUCH TO  
BE DONE, AND EVEN  
MORE WE CAN DO.**

**BUT I CHOOSE TO  
BELIEVE IN A FUTURE  
CREATED NOT JUST  
FOR ME, BUT ALSO  
FOR YOU.**



The protest calling for the college you applied for to divest from fossil fuels will be cancelled because of wildfire smoke. You will spend the morning writing a cover letter and reading over your application materials, and then you will put on a mask and head out the door into the dusty orange air.

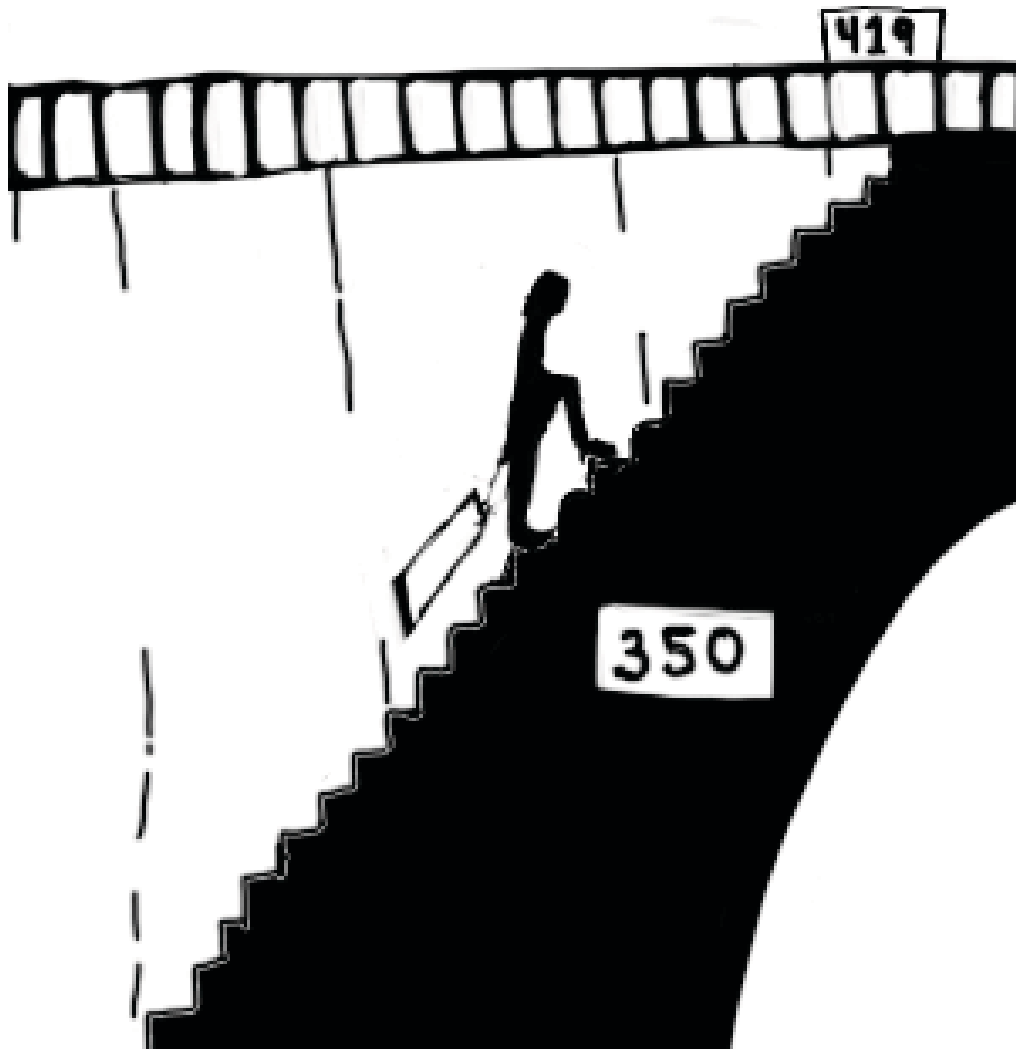


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IN 2019 Spokane  
ranked 15 among  
the country's most  
Polluted cities.

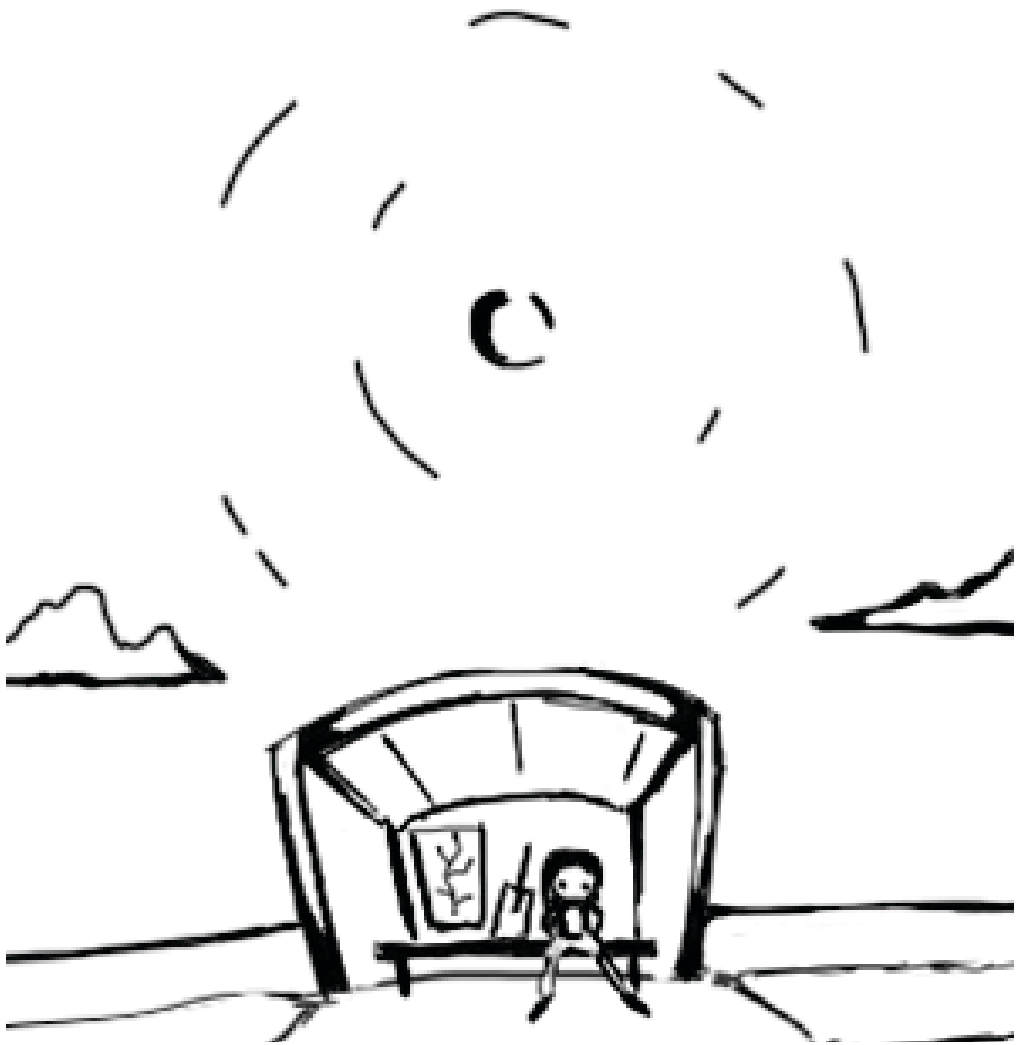
On the mantel is the paper m $\hat{a}$ ch $\acute{e}$  globe you made in third grade, when your teacher first explained climate change to you. She smiled when you told her the one thing you wanted was a green future for your birthday and put the globe in the sunlight. Now, its paint has peeled and the blue and green colors have faded. Inside, there is a ruined balloon popped with a needled which will outlive you by ten thousand years.



The uncanny valley refers to a degree of humanity that we can recognize in robots, somewhere between machine and human, recognizably mechanical but also difficult to distinguish from yourself. This is what the near future will look like, as seasons blur like a landscape painting melting in the sun, paling, peeling.

You can't remember why the number 350 matters until you see a headline that says that the current CO<sub>2</sub> level is 419 ppm.





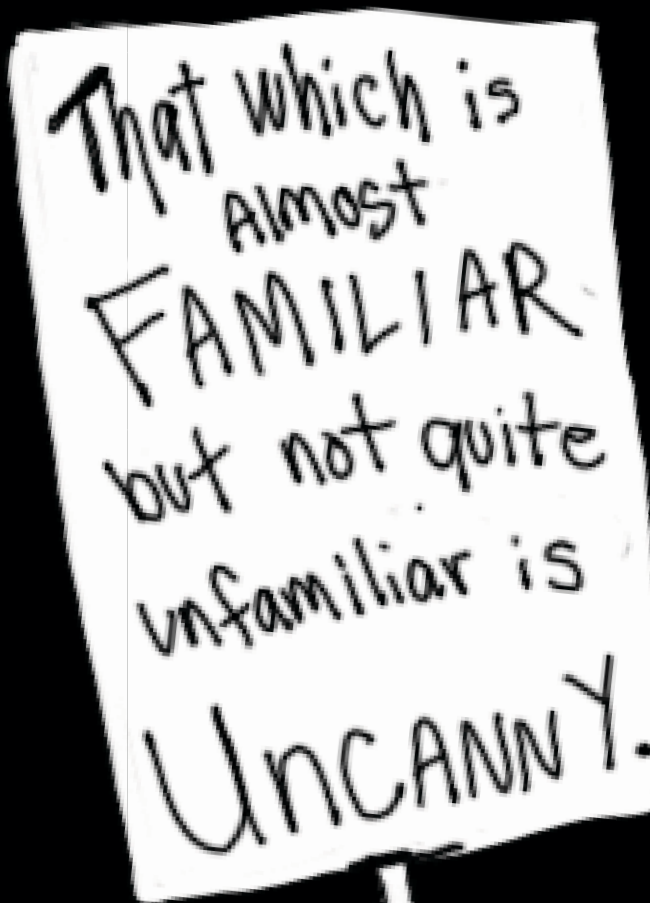
It starts on the ground where burning fossil fuels, such as oil and coal, releases carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) into the air. It starts in the sky where solar radiation in the form of heat passes through the atmosphere and is trapped within the thickening layers of  $\text{CO}_2$ . It starts in the sky where ultraviolet radiation in the form of heat seeps through holes in the ozone layer. It starts on the ground where aerosol cans release the chlorofluorocarbons gases that erode ozone molecules in the sky. Where does it stop?

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Planet



We will recognize the world in coming years. We will recognize the differences. Maybe we will feel ourselves adapting, our stomachs growing used to less food, our skin used to more heat, our heads and throats learning to cope.

The keynote speaker for the cancelled protest, some politician in a suit you remember learning about in social studies two Novembers ago, was going to give a speech about her green legislation. Something about decarbonization, about your dream school profiting on the climate's destruction and how she intends to take measures to incentivize divestment. When you look up the politician's campaign contributions, several of them come from fossil fuel companies.

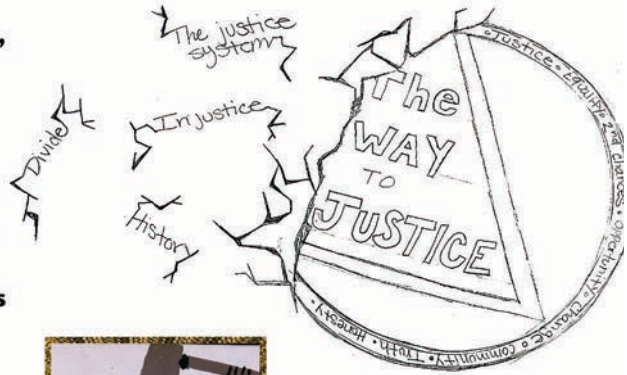


That which is  
Almost  
FAMILIAR  
but not quite  
unfamiliar is  
UNCANNY.

**350 SPOKANE**

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**Empowering the community through advocacy and access, The Way to Justice is a community law firm led and created by women of color. Through direct representation, impact litigation, policy reform, and advocacy work, we address the barriers facing individuals who have been negatively impacted by our justice system.**



Artists: Kimora Cleveland, 17; Cade Mitchell-Gregg, 12; Melissa Pirie, 14; Lillie Pirie, 12; DeAjae Williams, 13; Messiah Lockhard, 13; Anesu Mujenge, Intern at The Way to Justice; Luis Garcia, 12; and Kiley Mitchell-Gregg, 13.





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Justice

**Our clients and their loved ones have been unjustly impacted by our legal system. Too often, access to justice is denied due to poverty and structural bias.**

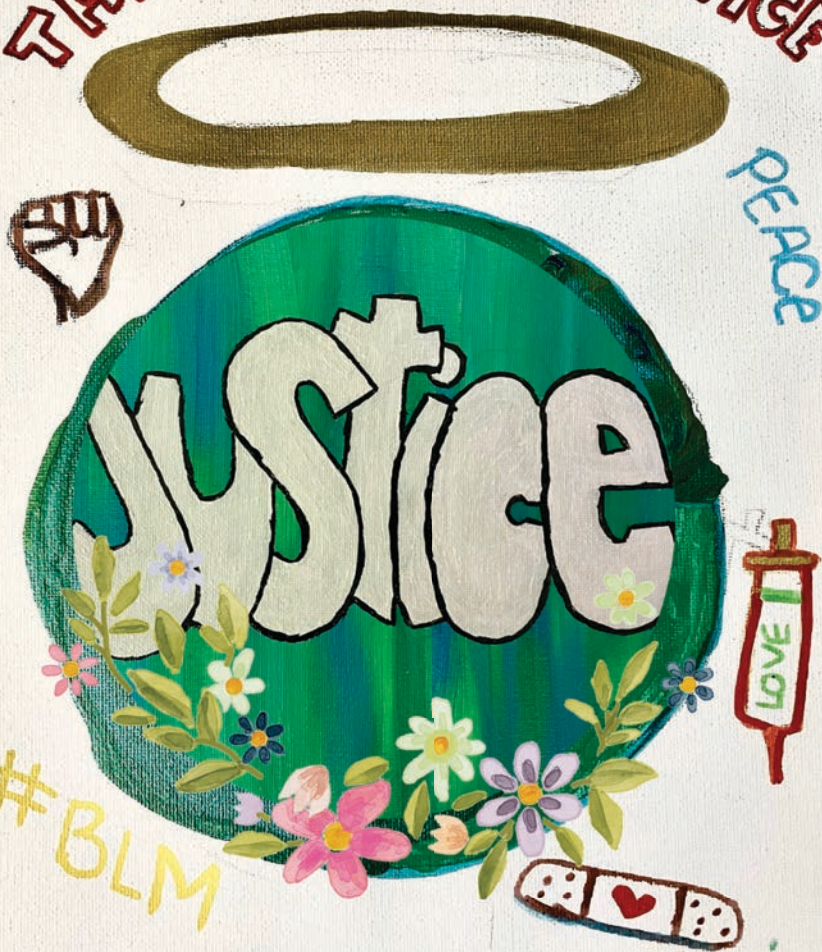
**In our work, we focus on addressing systemic racism, removing barriers, empowering the most vulnerable, and amplifying the voices of the impacted community to create a more just system.**

**We understand that change will not happen overnight, so another aspect of our work is focused on navigating systems as they are, to find  
**THE WAY TO JUSTICE.****

Artist: Aniya Youngblood, 14.



THE WAY TO JUSTICE



**Not them, not us, WE want justice. We need to make a difference. They gotta stop killing us. We are fighting for our freedom, no matter where or why, we won't stop until we make things RIGHT!**

Artists: Melissa Pirie, 14; Lillie Pirie, 12; and Aniya Youngblood, 14.

**The Way to Justice is a non-profit organization. Their vision is to bring justice to everyone who has been wronged by the system. They support people with Relicensing & Post-Conviction Relief and help people rebuild their lives after conviction.**

#### **Youth Empowerment**

The Way to Justice empowers local youth through civic engagement and artistic expression

#### **Justice Night**

The Way to Justice hosts a walk-in legal clinic where people can meet with an attorney for advice and resources



**THE WAY TO JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

#### **Driver's Relicensing**

This program helps individuals dedicated to changing their driving habits and making payments to the courts so that they can reinstate their license

#### **Post-Conviction Relief**

Eligible clients can get relief from legal fines, restore their rights, and vacate their convictions, including unconstitutional convictions for possession of a controlled substance, former RCW 69.50.4013, which was voided by the State Supreme Court in *State v. Blake*.

**All of our work is guided by an unwavering commitment to racial justice and equity**

Artists: Melissa Pirie, 14; Lillie Pirie, 12; and Aniya Youngblood, 14.





The Spokane River was here before us  
and will be here after us. It has played a critical role  
in protecting us, preserving us, and providing for all  
life forms it comes into contact with.



A stylized landscape illustration featuring a large yellow sun in the top left, light blue mountains in the background, and several green coniferous trees in the middle ground. In the foreground, there are blue and green wavy lines representing water. A small white boat with a blue and black logo is on the left, and a dark industrial structure is on the right.

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**Respect**

As we look to the future  
we must respect and ensure  
the health of this river  
for generations to come.

# Economic Sovereignty



January 1881

Spokane Indian Reservation  
formally declared

1993

Bingo & Casino  
Hall in Chewelah,  
WA

Pre SIR (Spokane Indi-  
an Reservation)  
Hunting, fishing and  
gathering economy

1954

Discovery of  
Sherwood and  
Midnite Mines

1994

Two Rivers Casino,  
RV Park & Marina



*Spokane Tribal Preservation Program  
Collections and Archives*







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2005  
Spoko Fuel  
Airway Heights,  
WA

2012  
Arby's  
Airway Heights, WA

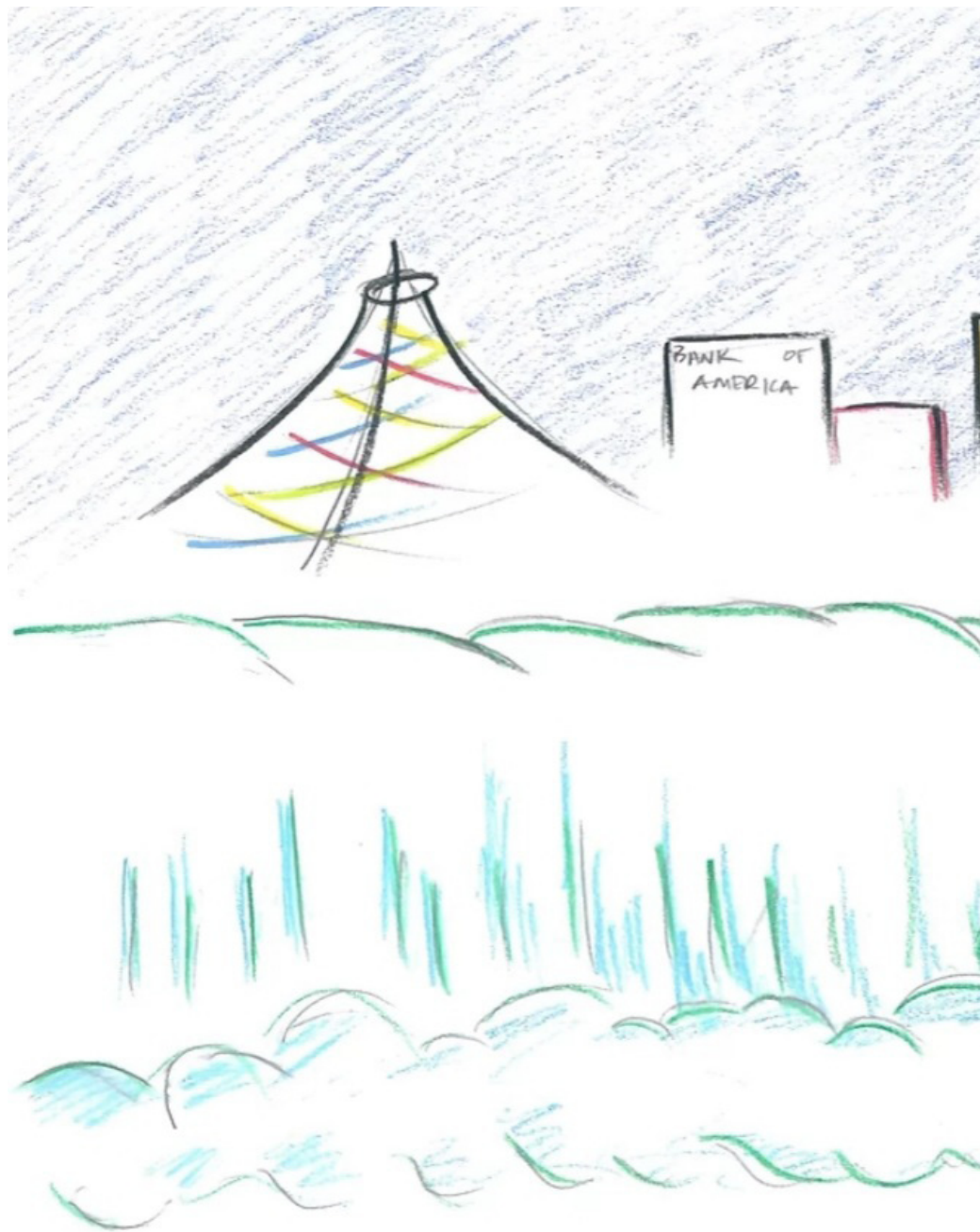
2007  
Spoko-Fuel  
Chewelah, WA



2018  
Spokane Tribe  
Casino



“The renewal of indigenous economies is the ultimate path towards true tribal sovereignty and self-determination” -Daniel Stewart, Spokane Tribe



Here is another example of what we call Coyote Stories. These stories have been told since time immemorial to teach lessons or for entertainment. This story called "How Antelope Stole the Moon" was told by Margaret Adams, and illustrated by a Spokane Tribal Member Cody Peone.



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Water

“Just as they were going to grab him, with all his might, Coyote gave a push to the night sun, it rolled and it fell there in the Spokane River. It lodged among the rocks, and there it is, still there to this day. It shimmers and shines deep in the water.”

This is one of many stories that can be found on our website available to our Spokane Tribal people.



WASHINGTON LOW INCOME  
**Housing Alliance**

**“Ready to get more involved in the fight for housing justice? If you’re interested in learning about becoming a legislative district lead, getting your board involved in advocacy, or sharing your experience with housing, get in touch — I’d love to help you connect! Contact me at [pol@wliha.org](mailto:pol@wliha.org).”**



**- Po Leapai**  
Advocacy Organizer

**WLIHA.org**



WASHINGTON LOW INCOME  
**Housing Alliance**

**“Housing justice is racial justice! The Housing Alliance pays attention to the data, and the data is CLEAR. People who have been racialized have also been historically excluded from housing, and continue to be discriminated against.”**



**- Ma. Caroline Lopez**

Director of Equity,  
Racial Justice, and  
Electoral Organizing

**WLIHA.org**







WASHINGTON LOW INCOME  
**Housing Alliance**

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**House**

**“Those closest to the problem are closest to the solutions, and furthest away from the decision-making tables and the resources. To that, the Resident Action Project (RAP) says no more! We are building a cross class movement to work on housing justice so that everyone has a place to call home. Come join RAP!”**



**- Duaa-Rahemaah Williams**  
Statewide Organizer

**WLIHA.org**





WASHINGTON LOW INCOME  
**Housing Alliance**



**VOTE**

**like your**

**HOUSING**

**depends**

**on it!**

[WLIHA.org](http://WLIHA.org)



WASHINGTON LOW INCOME  
**Housing Alliance**

**The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance leads the movement to ensure that all our residents have the opportunity to thrive in safe, healthy, affordable homes. We do this through advocacy, education, and organizing.**

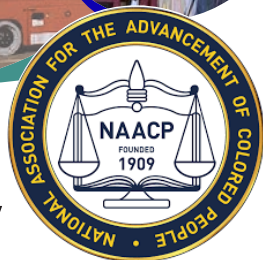
**Our vision is that all Washington residents have the opportunity to live in safe, healthy, and affordable homes in thriving communities.**

**WLIHA.org**

# POWER YOUR VOTE



## This year, we have an incredible opportunity



to build Black political power at every level of the ballot. Your vote is incredibly important, and here's why:

### Black voters can...

- Elect candidates who support policies that improve Black lives;
- **Elect US Senate and Congress members** that pass laws that impact the right to vote and police accountability.
- **Elect your next Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and others** who make decisions on distributing federal funds and appointing state judges.
- **Elect legislators at the county, city, and municipal levels** that make decisions from regular trash pickups and broken street lights to what crimes are prosecuted and the quality of education children in your community receive. You can elect your next mayor, city/county council member, sheriff, district attorney, or school board member. Don't sit these out!



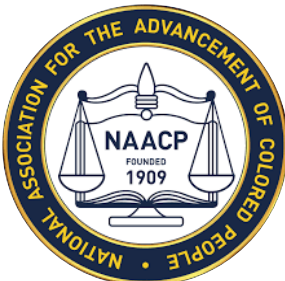
# JOIN THE

# FIGHT

Become  
a member  
of NAACP Spokane today.



- Meet local residents supporting change for equal justice and treatment.
- Plan and organize campaigns to end social injustice with like minded individuals.
- Advocate for regulations that will help, not hurt, our communities.
- Attend local, regional, and national leadership and advocacy events.
- Participate in voter registration and endorsement campaigns.
- Stay on top of pressing matters such as education, healthcare, and economic opportunities.

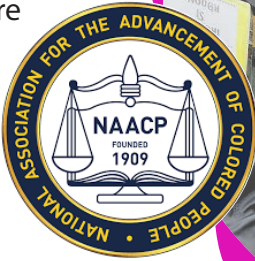


**NAACP**  
*Spokane Branch*  
[spokanenaacp.org](http://spokanenaacp.org)

# NAACP Spokane Committees

- Civic Engagement
- Environmental Justice
- Youth & Young Adult Engagement
- Economic Justice
- Education
- Criminal Justice
- Legal Redress
- Healthcare

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Power



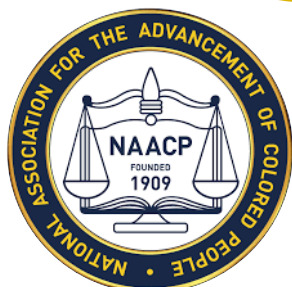
**EMPOWER**  
**COMMUNITIES**  
**EMPOWER**  
**CHANGE**

**We're a human movement.  
And in our current moment,  
it's all hands on deck!**

*"The greatest thing we can do for mankind is to use our voice to advocate,  
and our pen at the polls to hold those in power accountable."*

**- KIANTHA DUNCAN, PRESIDENT NAACP SPOKANE BRANCH #1137**

**ARE YOU  
WITH  
US?**



**NAACP**  
*Spokane Branch*  
[spokanenaacp.org](http://spokanenaacp.org)



# **SPOKANE VOTING INFO**





# EVERY ELECTION IS AN IMPORTANT ELECTION.

Not only does this midterm election have major impacts on our local and statewide government, but it also has major impacts on you. Recently, there have been regional and local elections that have been very close calls, winning by just 1-2%. In those elections, a majority of people registered to vote did not vote. Your vote today could decide the future of our planet, justice and equity for all, housing, and health.

Keep reading about how our local elected officials play a big part in these issues and ask yourself, do they really represent you and work for your best interests?



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**Your vote matters!**

## GENERAL ELECTION:

Voters choose between up to two candidates running for each office. The candidate who receives the most votes is elected to the position.

**October 19-21, 2022** - Ballots mailed for General Election

**October 31, 2022** - Deadline for Online and mail-in voter registration for General Election

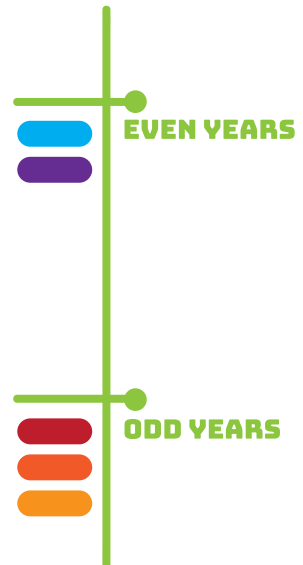
**November 8, 2022** - Deadline for in-person voter registration @ 8 pm; General Election



**3 COUNCIL MEMBERS IN POSITION 2**

**3 JUDGES FOR SPOKANE MUNICIPAL COURT**

**MAYOR**  
**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**  
**THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS IN POSITION 1**



# CITY OF SPOKANE:



## MAYOR:

1. City of Spokane uses a mayor-council form of government vs. council-manager, commission, town meeting, representative town meeting forms of local government
2. Mayor oversees daily operations, enforces city laws/ordinances, appoints department heads, drafts and proposes budgets
3. Has centralized executive power and veto power, and is not a member of city council

## CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

1. The Council President steps in if the Mayor were to be incapacitated, impeached or resign.
2. Both Mayor and Council President are the only local at-large elections since Council President presides over the council members who represent the three districts
3. The Council President is the head of the City Council and chairs our meetings except for council committees of which there are four. Those are chaired by their respective chairs.

## CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

1. Responsible for adopting the city budget, levying taxes, and making or amending city laws, policies, and ordinances
2. Regulate land use through zoning laws, exercise power of eminent domain, regulate public health and safety, regulate business activity through licensing and rules
3. Communicates policies and programs to residents, responds to constituents, represents the community to other levels of government

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City Council





## **MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES:**

1. The court mission is to build stronger and safer neighborhoods by providing accountability with help for individuals involved in the criminal justice system to reduce and properly address quality-of-life offenses through therapeutic courts such as community court, DUI court, mental health court, veterans court.
2. Processes civil infractions (a violation of the law, not a crime - driving/parking tickets) and criminal misdemeanors (when someone is accused of committing a crime - DUI, assault, theft)
3. Municipal Court does not control who comes into court, but they do control how they treat those who come into court.

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# **SPOKANE COUNTY**

## **WORD MATCHING:**

**DRAW A LINE TO CONNECT THE NAME TO THE DEFINITION**

### **DISTRICT COURT JUDGES:**

Determines if crime has been committed and length of sentencing.

### **COMMISSIONERS (5):**

Decides the general policies, attitudes, training programs, and job oversight of all Spokane County Deputies.

### **PROSECUTOR:**

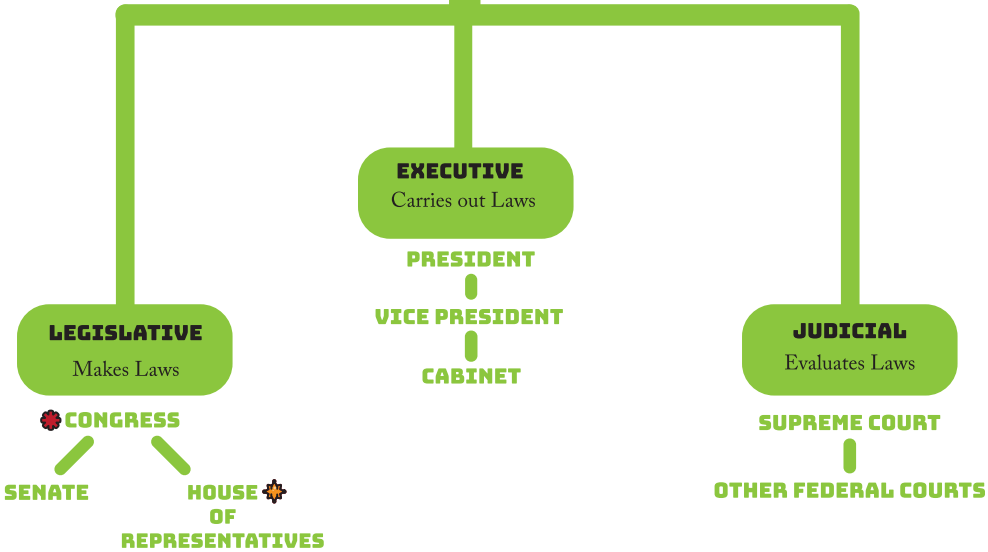
Decides the usage of your tax dollars on issues that include public safety, housing, climate change, labor rights, and public health.

### **SHERIFF:**

Issue domestic violence and anti-harassment protection orders and no-contact orders. They also have jurisdiction to hear change-of-name petitions and certain lien foreclosures.



# BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT










- ✿ 1. Has the only positions in the 3 branches of government (legislative, executive, and judicial) that are elected by the people.
  - 2. As the legislative branch of government, they can make laws, initiate revenue bills, declare war, impeach federal officers, approve presidential appointments, approve treaties, and elect the President in the case of an Electoral College tie
  - 3. Congress is made up of the US. House Representative (each state voice is determined by each state population from the Census - WA 10 vs CA 53) and Senate (each state has equal voice - 2 representatives)
- ✿ The House has several powers assigned exclusively to it, including the power to initiate revenue bills, impeach federal officials, and elect the President in the case of an Electoral College tie.








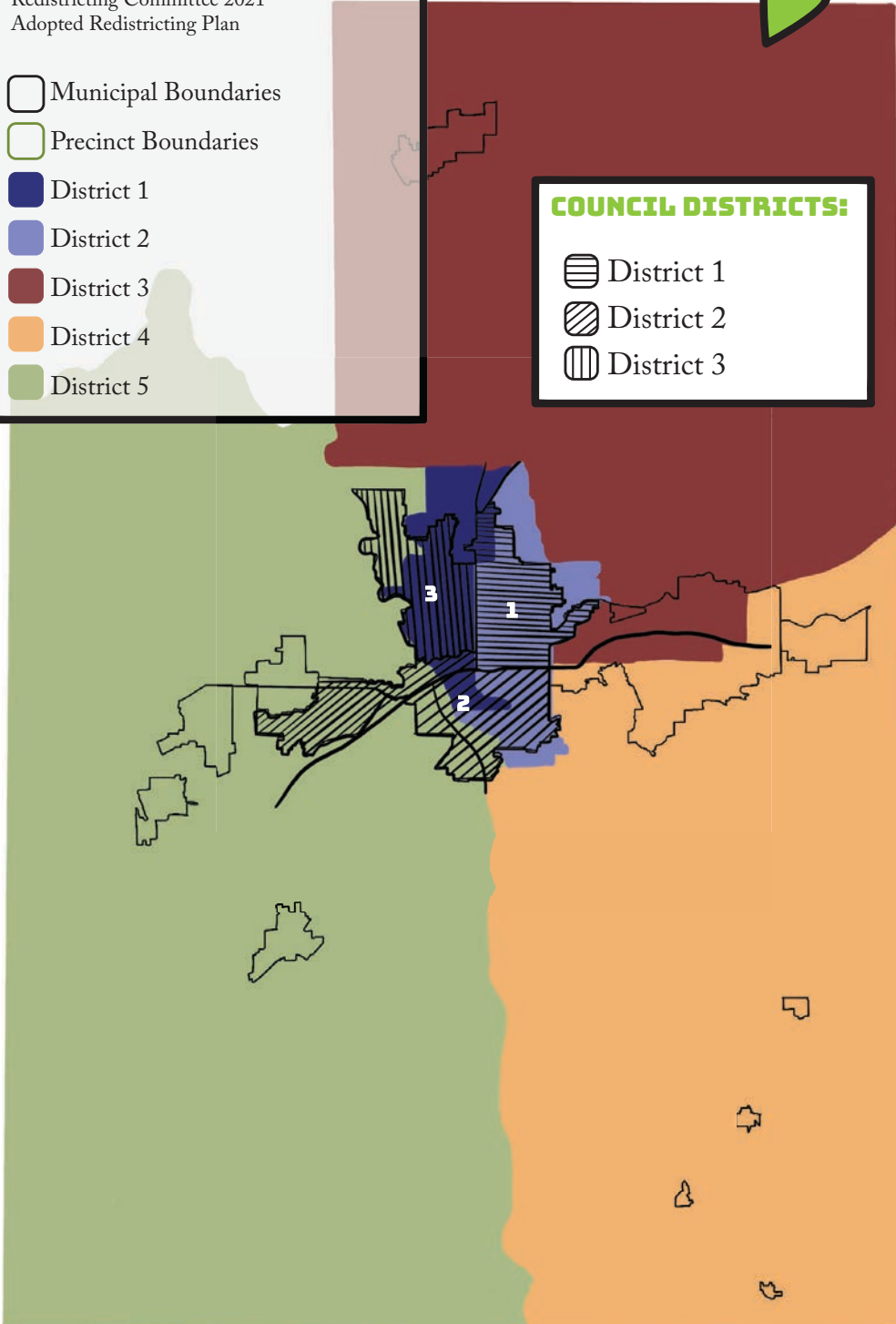
# SPOKANE COUNTY

Redistricting Committee 2021  
Adopted Redistricting Plan




-  Municipal Boundaries
-  Precinct Boundaries
-  District 1
-  District 2
-  District 3
-  District 4
-  District 5

## COUNCIL DISTRICTS:

-  District 1
-  District 2
-  District 3





	City Of Spokane	Spokane County	5th Congressional district
 Population:	(2020) 219, 185	(2020) 513, 402	(2019) 734, 322
 Land Size:	69.5 SQ.Mi.	1,781 SQ.Mi.	15, 473.5 SQ.Mi.
 List of All Elected Positions:	Mayor Council President Council Members Municipal Court Judges	Clerk Sheriff Auditor Assessor Treasurer Prosecutor Commissioners District Court Judges Superior Court Judges	U.S. Representative

# VOTING 101



## 1. Address Update

Keep your address up to date so that you can get your ballot and vote!

## 2. College Voters

Y'all spend roughly 9 months out of the year here, why not influence big changes in your local government. Update your address and vote to help update the local community!

## 3. Military & Overseas Voters

Your services are needed locally just as much as they are in active duty. There are plenty of options to help you get your ballot and vote.

## 4. New Washington Resident

Leave your past life behind and make changes happen in Washington. Our state makes registering to vote easy. You can do it by mail, in person, online if you have a Washington Driver's License or State ID with MyVote, or when you get your new state driver license or ID at the Department of Licensing. [olvr.votewa.gov/](https://olvr.votewa.gov/)

## 5. Seasonal Resident

Living away during the election? Update your address so you can vote wherever you may be.

## 6. Voter Eligibility

Just a few hundred years ago, voting was limited to only white men. Since then, we have been fighting for our right to vote. Today, people of all genders and all races are eligible to vote. New in 2022: a 17 year old who will be 18 by the November General Election can vote in the August Primary.

## 7. Felons & Voting Rights

If you were convicted of a felony in Washington State, your right to vote is restored as long as you are not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison of the Department of Corrections (DOC). Once your right is restored, you must re-register to vote in order to receive a ballot.

## 8. Voters With Disabilities

Voters with disabilities can request reasonable accommodations or voting assistance. Voting centers are accessible and give you the opportunity to vote privately and independently.



**MORE  
INFO**

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Vote**

## Word Matching Answer Key

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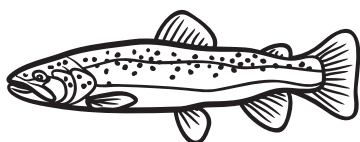
Tiktok: scatteredmarbles

Instagram: scatteredmarbles

Portfolio: [www.alexandrarenty.com/](http://www.alexandrarenty.com/)



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Nature



***JOIN US IN DEMANDING***

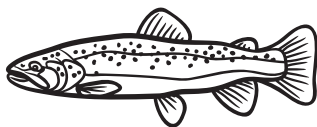
***RESPECT FOR***

***SPOKANE'S NATURAL***

***ENVIRONMENT***



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# WHAT YOU CAN DO

HERE ARE IDEAS TO MAKE YOUR MONEY  
AND YOUR ACTIONS COUNT



**AS A CONSUMER:** Choose non-toxic cleaning products to reduce water pollution

**AS AN INDIVIDUAL:** Water your garden early in the morning or late in the evening to save water

**AS A CONSUMER:** Choose products with compostable materials and packaging over plastic



**WASTE**

**AS AN INDIVIDUAL:** Make it easier to compost food scraps with a countertop compost bin



**AIR**

**AS A CONSUMER:** Purchase from local businesses to reduce the miles your goods travel

**AS AN INDIVIDUAL:** Take advantage of the public transport near you for work or play

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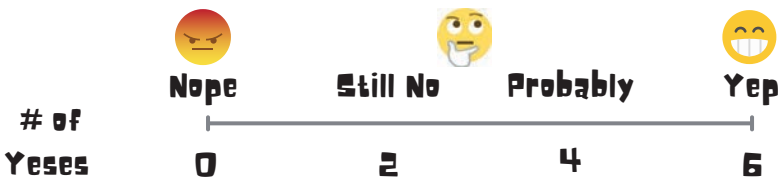


# IS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE PRO-ENVIRONMENT?

THIS SHORT SCORECARD WILL HELP  
YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION

- |  | Yes                      | No                       |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Do they publicly state they believe in climate change?<br>If no, they are not pro-environment - stop here. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Do they have environmentally-positive policy stances on land use, water, and waste?                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Have they sponsored or publicly advocated for legislation that reduces climate impacts?                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Do they believe natural gas in our homes and in the power-grid should be phased out over time?             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Did they attend the Spokane Candidates Climate Change Forum hosted by Gonzaga?                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Do you believe they are pro-environment - do their actions match their words?                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |








## Pro-Environment?



# HOW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAKE \$120,000 PER YEAR - ABOUT 4 TIMES THE MEDIAN INCOME OF RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY!

## SOME OF THEIR IMPACTS

	Air	Water	Waste
 Determine where and how much development occurs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 Decide how land is used - nature reserve vs gravel pit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 Implement policies to reduce and manage waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 Protect water quality and supply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 Influence which industries can build in the county	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 Hold developers and industry accountable for their impacts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 Represent the interests of People and the Environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**COMMISSIONERS HAVE AN OUTSIZE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THEY NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE**





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**Women**

*Mujeres in Action (MiA) started as a grassroots effort by a visionary of sorts, someone who saw a need in their community and decided to be the person that did something about it. Hancel Sanchez, the founder and current executive director volunteered for a local helpline where she realized that her community wasn't reaching out for domestic violence and/ or sexual assault services, even though there was a need for it. She asked the questions and found the partners that could best help her understand why Latinx community members weren't accessing services and learned that this demographic needed more than what Spokane was able to offer.*



*In 2018, 5 volunteers were meeting at local coffee shops and dreaming out loud of making Spokane a better place for immigrants that were going through domestic violence and/or sexual assault. The vision was to help empower women and while doing the work we realized that our vision needed to evolve. Women alone couldn't end violence, everyone needed to get involved. The dreams and visions transformed into a strategic plan to guide the community from survival to wellbeing.*

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*In 2019 a group of leaders, community members, and MiA volunteers came together to reimagine a Spokane in which immigrants had access to all the services that promote, support, and engage healthy families. In 2020 MiA received its first operational grant and with that, a little part of the strategic planning's dreams came to life.*



***As we did more of the work we saw first hand the barriers that survivors were facing. Advocates got to hear the stories from participants, one of them called 911 for help and the police used the person that caused harm as the interpreter. An officer later shed some light on this practice and when questioned why officers don't call the language line, we were told "they just don't think like that". This participant ended up being taken to the hospital for a psychiatric hold for which, again, they weren't provided an interpreter. They came out with a diagnosis and medications, even though the hospital staff, per the medical records, never communicated with the patient in their language.***



*This and other horror stories were a wake up call for MiA about the gaps in the systems that were supposedly meant to protect people. If this is how people were treated by the police and hospitals, no wonder Latinx survivors weren't reaching out to other services. Why would they? The belief that these systems were not made for them was confirmed with each interaction they have had with that system in the past.*

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*This is not the only example of systems failing the people, this is one of many that inspired MiA to "do something about it" and thus created its Policy Team. The team is building partnerships with people in the many systems so that as a whole we can tackle the systemic inequities that have been in place for so many years.*



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Protect

***So far, we have learned that people have a lost sense of power over their lives and within the systems for which they are working. As we try to work from the ground up and from the top down, it has become clear to us that it is necessary to pass a city wide ordinance that would centralize language access resources***

***for the 6 top languages spoken in Spokane. In doing so, each agency or department that receives federal funding would know exactly what is expected of them and how to comply.***



*We keep reimagining Spokane from the perspective of a non-English speaking survivor. A Spokane that welcomes diversity and is inclusive of all languages, gender identities, religions, backgrounds. A Spokane where people feel as if they finally made it home, where they can share their talents and in turn make Spokane a more dynamic and vibrant city.*



**Why do we think language access is so important?**





## **Roe v. Wade has been overturned.**

The Supreme Court has overturned Roe v. Wade and eliminated our federal constitutional right to abortion. A majority of justices ruled to throw away nearly 50 years of precedent and take away the right to control our bodies and personal health care decisions.

We'll never back down. We'll fight every single day to make sure we all have the care and information to control our own bodies and build our own futures.

## **How you can help**

Our work runs on volunteers, and advocacy is truly powered by you, the person who wants to make an active difference in our world. We love you for volunteering. Sign up to help at

volunteer@ppgwni.org and we also have ongoing opportunities and programs if you want to take your passion to the next level!

## Abortion Funds

You can give to our hospitality fund will help support travel costs for people who will need to travel long distances for our abortion services. It will cover items like lodging, gas, and meals. Your support allows us to continue to be there for people who need care the most: [donate.ppgwni.org](https://donate.ppgwni.org)

In addition, there is the Northwest Abortion Access Fund: [nwaaf.org](https://nwaaf.org). They help people pay for their abortion care by sending funding directly to the clinic. They also help people get to and from the clinic and make sure people traveling for care have a safe place to stay.



## Who we are

Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington has three functions: Health Care Services – We are a health care provider! Our health centers provide thousands of people all over the region with high-quality, affordable health care. We have a range of services cancer screenings to gender affirming care to STI testing to birth control to behavior health to abortion. You can book online at [ppgwni.org](https://ppgwni.org) or call

**Advocacy** – We work with communities everywhere to fight for reproductive health equity and to make sure everyone has access to the health care they deserve as well as cross movement work. Some of successful campaigns have included advocating for comprehensive Sex-Ed in Schools, expanding funding for patients regardless of citizenship status, mobile clinics through our Raz program which focuses on Latinx outreach, protect and expanding access to abortion care in Washington while defending rights in Idaho as Roe V Wade has been overturned.

**Education** – We work to help educate people about sexual health and well-being! This includes advocating for comprehensive, medically accurate and inclusive sex ed in schools. We also have YEP (Youth Empowerment Program) that is a facilitated and peer-to-peer education program in our high schools that positively impacts teens and our broader communities by empowering youth to effectively advocate for local and regional change.

## **Planned Parenthood Generation Action**



Generation Action is a movement of young activists across the region who organize events on their campuses and in their communities to mobilize advocates for reproductive freedom, educate young people about sexual health and create lasting change in their communities

We have Generation Action groups on six campuses across our region: Eastern Washington University, Whitworth University, Gonzaga University, Washington State University, Whitman University, University of Idaho and Central Washington University.

## **Reproductive Rights, Health and Justice**

The fight for reproductive freedom is intimately connected to issues of racial justice, economic justice, civil rights, LGBTQ equality,

immigration reform, disability rights. We have a responsibility to bring elements of reproductive justice into all of our advocacy work. Reproductive justice gives us the space to make the movement our own and request that we bring our identity and lived experience into the movement so that we can truly move forward together.

Reproductive Justice will be achieved when all people have the social, political and economic power and resources to make health decisions about their gender, bodies, sexuality and families for themselves and their communities.

Multiple movement strategies are needed to create change. We begin to see wins for reproductive freedom and real changes in people’s lives when the reproductive health, rights and justice movements can work as one.

Movement	Framework
Reproductive Health	Emphasizes necessary reproductive health services
Reproductive Rights	Emphasizes getting constitutional protections for these services.
Reproductive Justice	Stipulates that reproductive oppression is the result of the intersections of multiple oppressions and cannot be alleviated without strategies to address them all

Our role is to be a strong ally to the reproductive justice community.

“Ally cannot be a label that someone stamps onto you – or that you stamp on to yourself...It’s not an identity. It’s a practice. It’s an active thing that must be done over and over again in the largest and smallest ways, every day.” Mia McKenzie, No more “Allies” – Black Girl Dangerous

## Your rights. Your vote. Your future.

Access to safe, legal abortion is on the line in this election. No matter who a person is, where they live, or how much they make, everybody — every body — deserves reproductive freedom.

In this year's election, join the fight for all.

Are you registered? Do you need to double check your registration?

Start here: [bit.ly/ppvote2022](https://bit.ly/ppvote2022)

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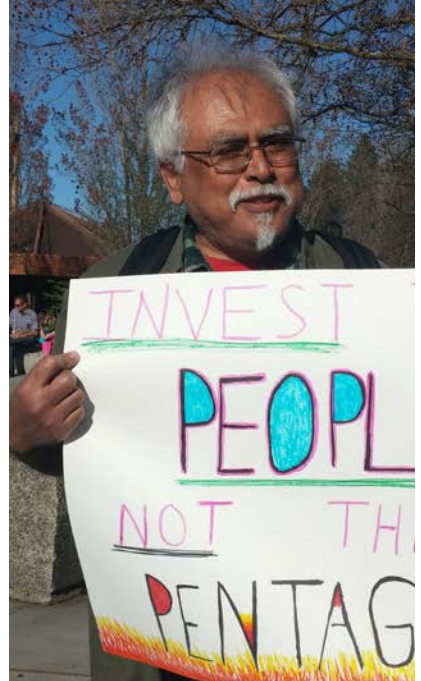
Everyday people have the power to accomplish extraordinary things together. PJALS builds a multi-racial, cross-class intergenerational, all-gender, rural-urban, bottom-up movement centered on the leadership of impacted people. In our PJALS community, everyday people are together advancing peace, racial equity, economic justice, and human rights.

## Our priorities:

- Ending mass incarceration
- Countering white nationalism
- Young Activist Leaders Program
- Education for action

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Peace

Join us at [peacejustice.org](http://peacejustice.org)



# BOLD ACTION

We're BOLD because we care about:

- Racial Justice
- Economic Justice
- LGBTQ Rights
- Police Accountability
- Ending Mass Incarceration
- Housing Justice for All
- Immigrant Rights
- Climate Justice
- Smart Development
- Healthcare
- Peace, War, and Militarism



Certain politicians exploit racist rhetoric to divide and distract, while they rig government and the economy for themselves and their big money donors. They get richer, we get poorer—and the power of government is turned against communities of color.

But we can fight back and win! Together, we are rejecting messages of racism, fear, and division from the reactionary rich to join together with people from all walks of life, so we can ensure all our communities get good housing and better schools, not more barbed wire — and more jobs, not more jails!

[pjals.org/boldaction](https://pjals.org/boldaction)

**BUILDING ORGANIZING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

## 2022 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

The member organizations of Smart Justice Spokane and the Platform for Change coalition asked candidates running for Sheriff, County Commissioner, Prosecutor, Judge, and Washington State Representative and Senator to respond to 20 questions about racial justice, policing, housing, incarceration, services, and community.

**SCAN TO READ  
CANDIDATES'  
ANSWERS**



**Smart Justice Spokane** is a coalition of over 30 organizations working together to end mass incarceration and eliminate racial disparities in our local criminal justice system. We organize and mobilize together for effective, restorative solutions that are driven by the experiences and needs of those impacted by the criminal justice system.

[smartjusticespokane.org](http://smartjusticespokane.org)

**Spokane Communities Against Racism (SCAR) Platform for Change** is a coalition advancing a vision of systemic change for the Spokane community that embraces a holistic vision of public safety. This vision reexamines what is considered crime, accounts for its root causes, and recognizes that shared prosperity and community care are at the heart of a healthy society.

[scarspokane.org/platform-for-change](http://scarspokane.org/platform-for-change)

# simba

## GOTV

By voting for people who share our values we can ensure better structural support for all. When we join in a collective determination of our futures, through business chambers, advocacy groups, or voting we can agitate politicians to make policies that work for all people. As a small business alliance, SIMBA understand this collective power and the quadruple bottom-line is baked into our DNA: People, Profit, Planet, Purpose.

When voting it's important to find out a candidate's view on the economic, material reality of everyday people, and how they plan to change that for the better.



/spokaneindependent

[spokaneindependent.org](http://spokaneindependent.org)



# SIMBA's Values

## SOCIAL INCLUSION

- Valuing diversity
- Demanding inclusivity
- Promoting intersectionality
- Ensuring accessibility

## UNIQUE PLACE

- Celebrating creativity
- Respecting regionalism - fostering a deep connection to our place beyond political boundaries
- Understanding our unique character here



## ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- Promoting economic justice
- Building community wealth
- Working towards wealth equity
- Encouraging shared ownership
- Strength in a shared economy

## ENVIRONMENT

- Sustainability - planning for the seventh generation
- Conservation
- Stewardship
- Responsibility
- Resilience



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People

### ways we can win:

- Volunteer (at SIMBA, Reimagine Spokane or some place else that aligns w/your values)
- Join SIMBA as a consumer or small independent business
- Vote for candidates who represent your values





# SPOKANE COMI

## ABOUT

Spokane Community Against Racism (SCAR) is a multi-faceted community organization focused on ending systemic racism in Spokane County and the surrounding region. We do everything from direct outreach to answering national calls to action and have participated in local and statewide legislative advocacy. We create spaces for community engagement to build multiracial, intercommunal solidarity, and are currently gathering input on the Platform For Change--a holistic vision of community safety and wellness for Spokane.

## JOIN THE CAUSE

Anti-racist  
Education

Community  
Building

Direct  
Action

Research  
&  
Writing

## SCARSPokane.ORG

Learn more about SCAR by checking our website, Joining our email list, and following us on our social media channels.

Find out more information at the link below

**[Linktr.ee/scarspokane](https://linktr.ee/scarspokane)**

# COMMUNITY AGAINST RACISM

## HISTORY

SCAR was started on May 13th, 2017 after an appeal was made to the Spokane Community when (earlier in the week) a white man was found not guilty of shooting a black man in the back after claiming self-defense. All 12 jury members were also white.

SCAR was formed out of necessity. To understand why harassment, assaults, and shootings continue to happen in our community, we must understand how things work in the police department, the sheriff's department, the Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council, and the judicial system. We have sub-committees dedicated to SRLJC accountability, racial justice education, housing and social policy, and host public events and communications.

### **Solidarity and advocacy for grassroots and grasstops**

Grasstops advocacy means mobilizing anyone within your supporter base who has a relationship with or can bring extra influence to the people that can change policy, public perception, or anything else for you. Grasstops advocates could include, board members, well-connected volunteers or donors, etc. Some of your more intense grassroots advocates tend to become grasstops as they build networks and get more involved with your issues.

Grassroots movements, using self-organization, encourage community members to contribute by taking responsibility and action for their community.

# HOW SCAR REIMA

## PLATFORM FOR CHANGE

We have been reworking our initial Platform for Change with community groups and individuals. We have been reaching out and getting feedback from various impacted Spokane Communities on how they imagine community safety and wellness. Scan the QR code with your phone or visit <https://bit.ly/p4change2> to give us your feedback.

## SCAN ME



We want the writing process to be collaborative and transparent. Updates will be live on our website soon to allow more people to join in and give their feedback to community safety and wellness.

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Human rights

## COURT WATCH

We monitor court cases and are building out a robust and collaborative court watch program that has helped people get justice in Spokane Courts where others have not. We are working with the court system, local schools, and volunteers to monitor the judicial system from within the courtroom.



# AGINES SPOKANE

## DOGS AND DISCUSSION



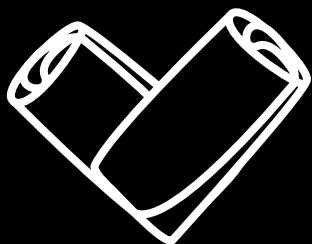
We host walk and talks to help our volunteers and members connect on a personal level as well as explore, discover, and reimagine different areas of Spokane. Join on Dogs and Discussion and get to know us better as people, and see some super cute pups. (\*Dogs optional)

## SCAR READING CLUB

Join our reading club to get cool buttons to show off your ability to read books! Join discussion groups, listen along with our book pods, and expand your anti-racist education.



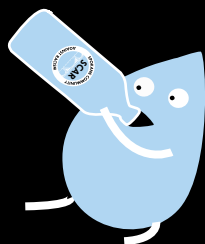
## BURRITOS FOR THE PEOPLE



We believe that feeding people for free is a radical act because it centers the human being and meets a basic need without expectations or transactions. Join us in building community and creating an equitable space Sundays at Main Market (44W Main Ave) from 8:30-10 am.

## WATER FOR THE PEOPLE

Spokane gets hot every summer and the resources that the city provides tend to be both too little or too late for many facing extreme temperatures. We believe in getting water to the people and help by committing to direct outreach when temperatures are in the +90 F



# Asian Americans Creating Community For Us, By Us

Are you feeling isolated by both a pandemic and living in a town that is ~87%\* white?



Want to connect with your roots or other folks with similar lived experiences?



\*Some Numbers:  
**2021 Spokane County total**  
Population 546,040  
**2021 Spokane County Asian**  
Population 13,651, that's 2.5%

Well same.



So here's what I've done...



Making friends in the wild



Going to Asian-focused events

**APIC**  
S P O K A N E

Finding Asian or BIPOC led organizations such as APIC Spokane



Who is APIC Spokane\*?

\*name change tbd by 2023

### Mission

APIC centers the power of Asians and Asian Americans to build a just, healthy, and thriving community for all.

### Vision

We envision a world of collective liberation where Asians and Asian Americans can live in a community of well-being, safety, and belonging.

### Values

- Joy/celebrating ourselves
- Belonging
- Racial, social, environmental, economic, health justice
- Honoring complexity/nuance
- Intersectionality
- Intergenerational
- Intentionality
- Accountability

About APIC Washington  
APIC Washington was created after the 1996 Welfare Reform Act significantly impacted and reduced non-citizen's federal eligibility for public assistance programs.

But I am new to this country and need some help...

We've got you!

Recognizing the need for a collective voice fighting for the rights, equity, and justice of our community, both foreign-born and US born, APIC formed to advocate for policies to address the gaps created by federal legislation.

No one should have to walk through life alone. We all have unique backgrounds and perspectives, and one person cannot do this alone, which is why we need community.

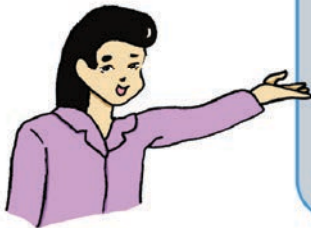


## What does APIC do? How can I participate?

- Conducting the first ever Community Health Assessment for Asian American populations in Spokane.
- Connecting Asian students across campuses
- Celebrating Heritage Month every May through art, storytelling, panel discussions, Asian & NH/PI graduation, and creating intentional spaces for our community.
- Increasing civic engagement among the local Asian American population by making government, policies, and voting understandable and relatable.
- Attending Asian Pacific American Legislative Day to uplift the voices of our communities to create change.
- Emphasizing disaggregation and unapologetically advancing social justice.
- Following on socials/join email list/volunteer at events



How do you want to shape Spokane to better reflect you, your family, and other folks like you?



We need your vote, voice, and input to make changes that help us all!

Join us to help create a just, healthy, and thriving community for us, by us.  
Find us on social media at:

   @APICSpokane  
[www.APICSpokane.org](http://www.APICSpokane.org)

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## snkwélix<sup>w</sup> Community

***We know there's a lot going on in the world that is affecting our physical and mental health. We're here to support our community, but first we need to know how we can support you.***

APIC is partnering with several health organizations to help bring to light the strengths and resiliency of our diverse Asian and Asian American populations and examine the biggest barriers to living to our full potential.



Sign up to stay informed and find out how you can weigh in on our Community Health Assessment:

**[bit.ly/APICinfoCHA22](https://bit.ly/APICinfoCHA22)**



## Editor's Note

Thank you for picking up this zine and reading it word for word, skimming through, or just coming to check out the pictures. What's exciting about this second volume of *At Large*, is how it's grown from three more years of being in community. In volume one, we reimagined with seven different individuals on the topics of activism, urban planning, environmentalism, and inclusivity. Here in volume two you've seen that we put together the voices from thirteen different activist organizations from the community *at large*, to share the various ways they reimagine with, and for, their people. We also introduced our first version of elections 101 (which was not easy to make into a 101).

And guess what? Voting happens again every year! We can move towards elections 101 having more pictures and fewer words (which was our initial idea, but again, it's almost like the government *wants* it to not be easy to understand), there are dozens more activist voices to be uplifted, and there are a growing number of candidates that will advocate for our issues! Also, did we mention that we're trying to get an Expo '24 celebration going? We'll have to write another zine on that one.

Last but not least, we want to give a BIG shout out to all of our collaborators, partners, and friends who helped bring this zine to life - we could not have done this without your encouragement, support, and awesome contributions!!

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Thank you to our friends!

The work doesn't stop after reading this zine - let's get out the vote and make the changes we want to see!

- Ryann Louie  
Editor of *At Large* and  
Founder of Reimagine Spokane





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together we are the majority



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Look for more from Reimagine Spokane in the future: publications, gatherings, ideas, actions, and campaigns. And, if the idea of reimagining Spokane piques your interest, find us at [reimaginespokane.us](http://reimaginespokane.us) and get in touch.

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