

# Application to Serve on the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

*This is your application to serve as a Commissioner on the County of Los Angeles's 2020-2021 Citizens Redistricting Commission.*

**Read the tips below  
to make sure your  
application is complete.**

**Make sure you have all the pages.**

There are ten (10) total pages that make up this application, including this page. The pages are numbered in the bottom right corners.

**Initial the top right corner of each page in the "Initial" box.** This will make sure your application stays together.

**Print clearly and legibly or type your application.** Doing so will speed up processing time. Unclear handwriting may cause delays.

**Completely fill out the entire application.** Incomplete applications may not meet the specified qualifications and could be eliminated.

**Don't know if you're eligible to serve on the County's Redistricting Commission?** Among other requirements, you must be a registered voter in Los Angeles County to serve on the Commission. See pages 3-4 for more details.

**Questions?** Learn more at [LAVote.net](http://LAVote.net).

**This application must be received no later than Monday, August 31, 2020, at 5 p.m.** See page 10 for submittal instructions.

David

First Name

Holtzman

Last Name

Email



# APPLICATION

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## 1. Identification Information

Prefix: Mr.

First Name: David

Middle Name: Adam

Last Name: Holtzman

Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Physical Address

Street Address: [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_

City: [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_

State: [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_

County: [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_

In what Supervisorial District do you reside? 5th

## 3. Mailing Address (If different than the address listed above)

Mailing Address/PO Box: n/a

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Contact Information

Preferred Phone: [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone: [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time to Contact: [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_

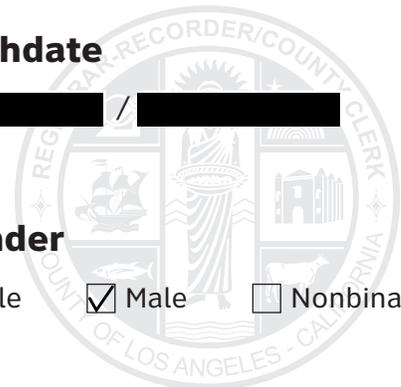
Email: [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Birthdate

[REDACTED] / [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]

## 6. Gender

Female  Male  Nonbinary



## 7. Racial or Ethnic Background

Select all that apply

### Latinx Group

- Cuban
- Mexican/Mexican American
- Puerto Rican
- Other Hispanic/Latinx Groups

### Pacific Islander Group

- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Hawaiian
- Samoan
- Other Pacific Islander Group

### Asian Group

- Asian Indian
- Cambodian
- Chinese
- Filipino
- Japanese
- Korean
- Laotian
- Vietnamese
- Other Asian Groups

### Other Groups

- Aleut
- American Indian/Native American
- Black/African American
- Eskimo
- White
- Other Racial Group,  
Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Language Proficiency

Please check all languages which you are proficient.

- |   |                                     |  |   |                                       |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Farsi      | <input type="checkbox"/> Khmer/<br>Cambodian | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian          | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armenian           | <input type="checkbox"/> Gujarati   | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean              | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bengali            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hindi      | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandarin            | <input type="checkbox"/> Tagalog/Filipino | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burmese            | <input type="checkbox"/> Indonesian | <input type="checkbox"/> Mongolian           | <input type="checkbox"/> Telugu           | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cantonese          | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Thai             |                                       |

## 9. Political Party Affiliation

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic           | <input type="checkbox"/> Green             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Party Preference<br>(Decline to State) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Republican           | <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Independent | <input type="checkbox"/> Peace and Freedom |   |

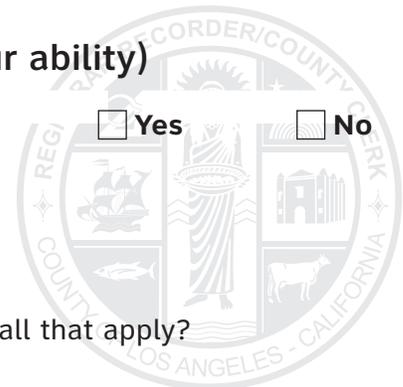
## 10. Eligibility Information (complete to the best of your ability)

a) Have you been continuously registered to vote in the County of Los Angeles with the same political party or unaffiliated with a political party and have not changed political party affiliation for five (5) or more years prior? (If unsure about current registration, go to **LAVote.net** for self look-up.)

- Yes       No

b) In which of the last three statewide elections have you voted, check all that apply?

- June 2018
- November 2018
- March 2020



## 11. Conflicts of Interest

### a) Have you done any of the following within 10 years of submitting this application?

Been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for office at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of Los Angeles, including as a member of the board?  Yes  No

Served as an employee of, or paid consultant for, an elected representative at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of Los Angeles?  Yes  No

Served as an employee of, or paid consultant for a candidate for office at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of Los Angeles?  Yes  No

Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party or as an appointed member of a political party central committee?  Yes  No

Been a lobbyist registered with the State of California or a California local government?  Yes  No

### b) Have any of your immediate family members<sup>1</sup> done any of the following within 10 years of the date you submit this application?

Been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for office at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of Los Angeles, including as a member of the board?  Yes  No

Served as an employee of, or paid consultant for, an elected representative at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of Los Angeles?  Yes  No

Served as an employee of, or paid consultant for a candidate for office at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of Los Angeles?  Yes  No

Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party or as an appointed member of a political party central committee?  Yes  No

Been a registered lobbyist with the State of California or a California local government?  Yes  No



1. "Immediate Family Member" means a spouse, child, in-law, parent, or sibling.

## 12. Qualifications

**a) I possess experience demonstrating analytical skills relevant to the redistricting process and voting rights, described as follows (be specific and provide specific examples to the extent available):**

From my education and experience, I have learned and possess a variety of analytical skills that are relevant to the redistricting process and voting rights.

As an election volunteer, I have used maps and voter lists to help plan “get out the vote” efforts for campaigns, and interviewed people at their doors, gathering information used to update voter lists. In law school, I learned about homogeneity (sameness) and heterogeneity (diversity) both within and across census area boundaries. And in my environmental jobs, I have used maps to assess areas' exposure to pollution; skills used for that may be needed if the commission is to consider “environmental justice areas” in its redistricting work.

My career has often involved reading and understanding dense technical material, and then interpreting it for general audiences or decision makers. My work for the state in helping draft technical support documents, and in responding to public comments on those documents, involved those skills. Modeling, analyzing statistics, and explaining uncertainty were important parts of that work and of preparing the impact reports I worked on as a scientist for a consulting firm.

Through my studies and career I have become skilled at evaluating the validity and significance of information in terms of legal and scientific/statistical standards. While working in public health for the state, I audited a demography class at U.C. Berkeley, and learned about environmental justice through meetings of an environmental justice committee of a Calif. Environmental Protection Agency project. Voting rights concerns are often similar to environmental justice concerns. As an Election Protection volunteer, I have learned that people in minority communities often face particular obstacles to exercising their right to vote.

I use Microsoft Word and Excel, Google Maps and Earth, and various other Windows and Android applications. I sometimes use Apple devices too. I once made frequent use of statistical software. I enjoy helping others with tech issues. A spreadsheet I created years ago translates U.S. Senate votes to population represented by Senators and can show the undemocratic nature of Senate voting.

In serving on a public agency's hearing board, I developed the ability to listen carefully, critically assess testimony and evidence, and pose relevant questions. From experience as a member that hearing board, as a scientist, and as a civic leader, and from studying the sociology and politics of science, I can assess the credibility of sources, identify irrelevant information, and assess the strength of arguments. Uncertainty and disagreement are unavoidable in public health work. My work has involved drawing on diverse skills to resolve complex issues.

**b) I am able to understand and apply applicable state and federal legal requirements dealing with redistricting and voting rights based on the following experience (be specific and provide specific examples to the extent available):**

Regarding understanding and applying legal requirements, the first thing I should say is I'm a lawyer, an active member of the California State Bar. I have a lot of experience understanding and applying laws and regulations.

Specifically regarding districts and voting rights, I have served as a pollworker and inspector, helping people vote and applying the rules about who gets a provisional ballot and who gets a regular one. I've been a poll watcher and an Election Protection volunteer. I've drafted and filed ballot arguments too. As president of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles, I worked with elected officials and non-profit organizations to craft and pass a ballot measure related to city and school district elections. While LWVLA president, I learned about and applied rules regarding non-profit organizations' participation in elections.

Outside the context of election law, I served for three years as an administrative law judge on a regional agency (South Coast Air Quality Management District) hearing board where my job was to listen to and elicit evidence, and apply state and federal law and local regulations.

I have been a member and committee chair of a neighborhood council, where compliance with the Brown Act was watched carefully. I received Brown Act training both there and for my service on the above-mentioned hearing board.

As an environmental consultant, I worked within the fairly complex realm of CEQA, the California Environmental Quality Act, contributing to environmental impact reports and helping colleagues understand CEQA law and regulations.

While working for state public health agencies, I was frequently tasked with analyzing and recommending positions on pending legislation related to the agencies' work. This required understanding existing state law. I also came to understand state budget requirements, and prepared budget change proposals.

I have already read and highlighted the law enacted by SB 958 of 2016. And I am quite familiar with the constitutional and statutory provisions that created the state Citizens Redistricting Commission and expanded its purview.

Given the above, and my demonstrable longstanding passion for fair elections, I believe the county can be confident that I am able to understand and apply state and federal legal requirements dealing with redistricting and voting rights.

**c) I possess experience demonstrating impartiality, described as follows (be specific and provide specific examples to the extent available):**

To be impartial means to set aside one's personal views, interests, biases, and political attitudes to evaluate information with an open mind and make fair decisions.

As a scientist, civic leader, and judge, I believe I have demonstrated impartiality. Scientists must interpret data as objectively as possible while acknowledging (and quantifying, if possible) the uncertainty of the data and the interpretation of the data. As a regulatory scientist for the state, I worked on assessing the health risks of pollutants, a controversial field. Transparently addressing uncertainty was key. A large part of my job involved receiving comments from the public on documents I had helped draft, and then consulting with fellow scientists about how or whether to revise technical documents in response to the public comments. Industry groups submitted many of the comments. Community organizations submitted others. I could not let my feelings about a commenter affect how I drafted my office's response. My office took pride in sticking to the best practices in our field.

As a leader (and still active member) within the League of Women Voters, I have moderated election candidate forums, and have taken care to do so with impartiality. The League has guidelines for moderators, and I take care to review them before such events. Like anyone concerned with fair elections, I have political opinions. Through experience, I have learned to set them aside and keep an open mind when events call for impartiality.

Judges must exercise impartiality. As an administrative law judge (a member of the Hearing Board at the South Coast Air Quality Management District), I performed my duties impartially, as defined in the California Code of Judicial Ethics. (There, “‘Impartial,’ ‘impartiality,’ and ‘impartially’ mean the absence of bias or prejudice in favor of, or against, particular parties or classes of parties, as well as the maintenance of an open mind in considering issues that may come before a judge.”) Per Hearing Board Rules, I was required to, and did, “disqualify [myself] and withdraw from any case in which [I] [could not] accord a fair and impartial hearing or consideration.”

As a Hearing Board member, I received substantial training in holding hearings impartially at the National Judicial College in Reno, NV. For parties appearing before the Hearing Board without legal counsel, including owners or employees of small businesses, it was the board's practice to ask about their familiarity with the board's procedures and relevant law, and then to explain things they might not understand, and talk them through required steps if necessary. This contributed to impartiality by leveling the playing field a bit between parties represented by professional counsel and those not.

I never discussed Hearing Board cases on social media. If appointed to the county Commission, I would not post partisan thoughts, even just to “friends.” I might just take the occasion to save myself a lot of time, gain some serenity, and shut down my accounts.

I have no personal, family, financial relationships, commitments, or aspirations that a reasonable person would consider likely to improperly influence someone making a redistricting decision. Finally, I have not donated to or volunteered for candidates in the current election for Supervisor and am not currently lobbying Supervisors or candidates running for Supervisor.

**d) I appreciate the diverse demographics and geography of the County of Los Angeles because of the following reasons (be specific and provide specific examples to the extent available):**

I know that demographic characteristics of people in L.A. County may present particular challenges or be related to preferences about political representation. It is understandable that people vote like people who look like them, act like them, or with whom they feel a kinship. Geography can also affect political representation preferences. Climate and scenery vary within the county, and politicians make decisions that can affect both. Some areas are affected more by air pollution or construction noise than others. The quality and reliability of water supplies varies by area. And some areas face particular transportation challenges.

Discrimination and other hardships have shaped LA County. The law school public interest curriculum looked at diversity within and across census lines, and how it can develop, vary, and affect personal attitudes and political preferences.

As a state scientist, I was involved in a project to rank environmental risks. Meetings of the project's Environmental Justice Committee helped move me from looking only at hard number data on disproportionate risks to learning history - and hearing feelings - from people experiencing those risks and more.

Air quality and the quality of life vary substantially across the L.A. region, with people of color and poor people disproportionately getting the worst. I know this from my environmental work. The experience of bad air quality is exacerbated by historical and continuing discrimination, as well as by depressing cityscapes and lack of shade. During law school, classmates and I studied the case of a polluting "mountain" of concrete rubble in Huntington Park, interviewing residents and community leaders, and I got to talk with a woman who lived near the mountain and for whom a new school on the cleaned-up site is named.

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles (LWVLA), I have presented programs and moderated forums all over town, from the West Valley to Culver City to Crenshaw, in homes, mall community rooms, council chambers and an assisted living facility. On October 8th I'll be on Zoom presenting pros and cons of current ballot measures to the Korean American Coalition.

Gastronomic diversity can help promote appreciation of diverse cultures, and it is one of Southern California's great strengths. I was once president of the condo association board in a building with residents of various ethnicities who practiced various religions. Since many residents identified as Persian, I brought Persian pastries to board meetings to help break the ice. (I think it worked.) I have been a happy gastronomic tourist around L.A., including with a group of friends who regularly made longish trips to different Asian restaurants.

Participating in "Race/LA" events has taught me a lot about areas of L.A. County I might not have otherwise visited, and - to top this off with altitude - I've been cross-country skiing near Frasier Park and hiking on Mt. Baldy.

# PRIVACY NOTIFICATION AND WAIVER

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## **Disclaimer**

Any commission member shall be ineligible for a period of five years beginning from the date of appointment to hold elective public office at the federal, state, county, or city level in California. A commission member shall be ineligible for a period of three years beginning from the date of appointment to hold appointive federal, state, or local public office, to serve as paid staff, or as a paid consultant to, the Board of Equalization, the Congress, the Legislature, or any individual legislator, or to register as a federal, state or local lobbyist in this state.

## **Legal Authority for Collection of Personal Information**

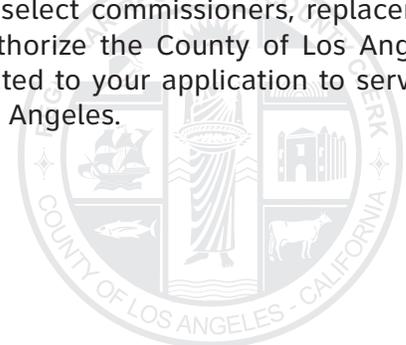
The County of Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) and the regulations implementing the CRC require the selection of commissioners to be open to public scrutiny and free from the influence of the board and reasonably representative of the county's diversity (California Elections Code sections 21530-21535). The CRC requires the elections official to select 60 of the most qualified applicants based on their voter affiliation, eligibility to serve pursuant to the Elections Code; the absence of any conflicts of interest; relevant analytical skills; ability to be impartial; appreciate the county's diverse demographics and geography; and racial, ethnic, geographic, gender, and economic diversity. To determine each applicants identity and qualifications to serve on the CRC and to track demographic information of the applicant pool, the application seeks personal information about applicants that will be provided to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk staff, the Auditor-Controller of the County of Los Angeles, the public, including members of the press.

## **Consequence of Not Providing All Requested Information**

Failure to provide all of the requested information will result in your disqualification and the removal of your name from the applicant pool. Thus, if you want to be considered for membership on the CRC, it is mandatory to submit a response for each item of information requested.

## **Permission to Use and Release Personal Information**

By submitting this application, you acknowledge that the application, all documents submitted in support of your application, are subject to the California Public Records Act and may be made available to the public, including, a Statement of Economic Interests (FPPC Form 700) if you are asked to submit one, letters of recommendation, materials generated as a result of any investigation of you, and all public comments and responses to public comment about your application are public records. You agree that the County of Los Angeles shall provide copies of these materials to members of the public and the press, members and staff of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, the Auditor-Controller of the County of Los Angeles, the CRC, and as otherwise compelled by law. You understand that members of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk staff and the public may make public statements about you. You authorize the County of Los Angeles to use the information submitted by and about you as it deems necessary to select commissioners, replacement commissioners, or otherwise comply with its legal duties. You also authorize the County of Los Angeles, including the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to post all materials related to your application to serve on the CRC on its website and any website authorized by the County of Los Angeles.



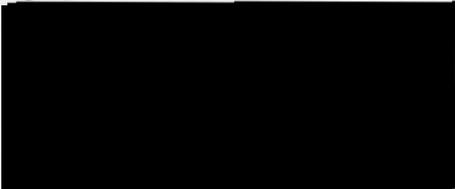
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## Voluntary Waiver of Privacy Rights and County of Los Angeles's Liability

By applying to be a commissioner, you are waiving your privacy and other rights under various state and federal laws including, but not limited to, the Information Practices Act (Cal. Civil Code section 1798 et seq.), and any defamation, invasion of privacy, and negligence claim you may have against the County of Los Angeles and those acting on its behalf. Accordingly, by waiving your privacy rights, you are agreeing to permit the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to release any and all information submitted by or about you, EXCEPT that the County of Los Angeles will not post on the Internet your date of birth; physical, mailing, and email addresses (excluding the city and supervisorial district); telephone numbers; the addresses and telephone numbers of your immediate family members; or any materials that the County of Los Angeles deems offensive. At this point in the process, the County of Los Angeles will not collect, and you should not voluntarily submit to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, your social security number, driver's license number, financial account numbers, or health information. By submitting your application, you acknowledge and consent to the release of the information you and others are providing related to you and, except as specifically provided above, you are waiving your right to privacy regarding all information relating to you and your application to serve as a commissioner. This waiver authorizes the County of Los Angeles to make public information submitted by or about you for a period of 12 years from the date of your application, even if you are not selected as a commissioner. You are providing this waiver voluntarily, understanding that the County of Los Angeles shall not be legally liable as a result of the release of information submitted by or about you or as the result of comments made about you by others, and that the County of Los Angeles through the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk will post on its website or otherwise release publicly. This includes claims of defamation, invasion of privacy, negligence, and any other statutory or common law claims.

## Declaration

By affixing my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Privacy Notification and Waiver above, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in and submitted with this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



David Adam Holtzman  
Printed Name

8/27/2020  
Date

**Return Options**  
Return your completed and signed application to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk by Email or U.S. Mail.  
Email: CRC@rrcc.lacounty.gov  
Mail: Attn: Citizens Redistricting Commission  
12400 Imperial Highway,  
Executive Office 7001,  
Norwalk, CA 90650

