

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ■ **What is redistricting in Los Angeles County?**

Every 10 years following the federal census, the boundaries of supervisorial districts of the County shall be adjusted so that each district is as nearly equal in population considering topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and community of interest of the supervisorial districts. (Elections Code Section 21500.)

### ■ **What is the Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC)?**

In 2016, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 958 (Elections Code Sections 21530-21535). Los Angeles County must create and form an independent redistricting commission by December 31, 2020 and in every year following the decennial federal census. The CRC shall adjust the boundary lines of the supervisorial districts of the board of supervisors.

### ■ **Who can serve on the CRC?**

State law requires Los Angeles County to initiate and implement an application process for selecting the 14 members of the CRC. You can apply for the CRC if you:

- Are a resident of Los Angeles County;
- Have been continuously registered to vote in Los Angeles for the past five years;
- Have not changed your political party affiliation within the past five years;
- Have voted in at least one of the last three statewide elections (e.g. June 2018, November 2018, March 2020);
- Do not have any disqualifying conflicts of interest; and
- Your family does not have any disqualifying conflicts of interest.



# Application Process

## ■ What is the purpose of the application?

The purpose is to gather information about the applicant to determine eligibility to serve on the CRC. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) will review applications and must exclude from the applicant pool any applicant who has not complied with the application process or who is not eligible to serve on the CRC.

## ■ How can an application be submitted?

The application can be submitted through the RR/CC's website. Paper copies of the application are available upon request. Requests can be submitted at [www.crc.lavote.net](http://www.crc.lavote.net) or by calling (562) 229-6361.

## ■ Why does the application request race, ethnicity, and gender information?

The Elections Code requires that the commission be reflective of the county's diversity, including racial, ethnic, geographic, and gender diversity. Accordingly, applicants are asked to identify their race, ethnicity, place of residence, and gender when completing the application so the RR/CC can effectively evaluate and consider the diversity of the applicant pool. (Elections Code Section 21532).

## ■ Are formulas or ratios used to measure diversity?

No. The Elections Code prohibits the use of formulas or specific ratios to be applied to ensure commission membership reflects county diversity. (Elections Code Section 21532.)

## ■ I registered my political party preference as "Decline to State." Why does the application list my preferences as "No Party Preference"?

The "No Party Preference" designation was formerly known as "Decline to State." Voters who registered to vote without stating a political party preference are now known as No Party Preference voters. Please note that a No Party Preference designation is different from the American Independent Party or another political party.

## ■ What is the "nonbinary" gender identity option on the initial application?

"Nonbinary" is generally considered an umbrella term for people with gender identities that fall somewhere outside of the traditional conceptions of strictly either female or male.



## ■ **How will members of the CRC be selected?**

All applications received by the RR/CC will be reviewed to determine if the applicant is eligible to serve as a member. Once the RR/CC has reviewed all of the applications, it will select 60 of the “most qualified” applicants and publicize the names for at least 30 days. The RR/CC will divide all applicants into subpools for each Supervisorial district.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Auditor-Controller will conduct a random drawing and select five commissioners, one per Supervisorial district, and three additional commissioners from the remaining pool of applicants. The eight selected commissioners shall review and appoint the remaining six commissioners to form a fourteen-member commission.

## ■ **How can I submit public comment?**

By phone at (562) 229-6361 or by email at [crc@rrcc.lacounty.gov](mailto:crc@rrcc.lacounty.gov).

## ■ **Will all comments be considered?**

During the publication period, the RR/CC will remove any applicant that does not meet the qualifications for membership.

## ■ **Will applicants have the opportunity to respond to the public comments?**

Yes, if additional information is needed by the RR/CC.

## ■ **Will Commissioners be required to complete a statement of economic interest? What information will be made available to the public?**

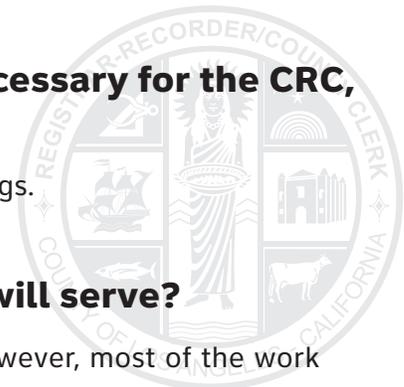
Information submitted as part of the application process may be made available to the public and is subject to the California Public Records Act. Under the Act, information may be made available upon request by members of the public and media and may include, without limitation, information contained in an application, letters of recommendation, documents evidencing credentials, materials compiled or generated during review of an application, and all public comments and responses to public comments about an application. Furthermore, applicants may be required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest (FPPC Form 700). See “Permission to Use and Release Personal Information” in the “Privacy Notification and Waiver” section of the application for further details.

## ■ **In addition to any administrative and other tasks necessary for the CRC, what other time commitments are required?**

Commissioners are required to participate in AT LEAST 9 public hearings.

## ■ **What is the length of the term that Commissioners will serve?**

Commissioners serve until the next Commission is seated in 2031. However, most of the work performed and involvement will be in 2021.



## ■ **Are there any conflicts of interest that might prevent me from serving on the CRC?**

Yes, as requested on the application, within 10 years immediately preceding the date of submission of the application, neither the applicant nor an immediate family member, shall have done any of the following:

- Been appointed to, elected to, or have been a candidate for office at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of Los Angeles.
- Served as an employee of, or paid consultant for, an elected representative or a candidate at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of Los Angeles.
- Served as an employee of, or paid consultant of a political party, or as an appointed member of a political party central committee.
- Been a registered state or local lobbyist.

## ■ **What is an immediate family member?**

“Immediate Family Member” means a spouse, child, in-law, parent, or sibling. An “Immediate Family Relationship” can be established through blood or legal relation, including a registered domestic partner, sibling-in-law, or son- or daughter-in-law, that has not been terminated by death or dissolution. Step-parents, step-children, and step-siblings count as parents, children, and siblings.

## ■ **Are there any post-appointment restrictions for Commissioners?**

Yes. A commission member shall be ineligible, for a period of 5 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 also be ineligible, for a period of 3 years from the date of appointment, to hold appointive federal, state, or local public office, to serve as a paid staff for, 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 California.

## ■ **Are Commissioners paid?**

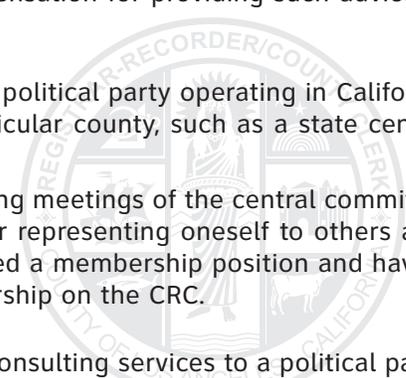
No, each Commissioner has volunteered their time and talent to serve on the Citizens Redistricting Commission.



# Definitions

- **“Federal Office”** means the office of a Senator or Representative in the Congress of the United States elected from California.
- **“State Office”** means every office, agency, department, division, bureau, board, and commission within the government of the State of California.
- **“Local Office”** means any locally held office within the County of Los Angeles, including an elected or appointed office or as a representative of a municipal government.
- **“Lobbyists”** including those who are registered as a lobbyist within the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, the California Secretary of State, or any political subdivision of the State of California, including the County of Los Angeles. Accordingly, an individual who is registered as a lobbyist within 10 years preceding the date of application, but never performed work as one, is still considered a lobbyist and would not be eligible to serve on the CRC.
- **“Candidate”** is an individual who has done any of the following:
  - Is listed on the ballot for nomination for or election to any elective office;
  - Has qualified to have write-in votes on his or her behalf counted by election officials, for nomination for or election to any elective office;
  - Receives a contribution with a view to bringing about his or her nomination or election to any elective office;
  - Makes an expenditure with a view to bringing about his or her nomination or election to any elective office; or
  - Gives his or her consent for any other person to receive a contribution or make an expenditure with a view to bringing about his or her nomination or election to any elective office.
- **“Candidate”** also includes any officeholder who is the subject of a recall election. Once a person becomes a candidate, that person retains his or her status as a candidate throughout the time of holding office.
- **“Officer”** of a political party or of the campaign committee of a candidate for elective local, federal or state office is not defined in the laws governing the CRC. However, it is interpreted to mean an officer of a campaign committee as anyone having or sharing responsibility for approving the activities of the committee, including the following:
  - Authorizing the content of the communications made by the committee;
  - Authorizing expenditures, including contributions, on behalf of the committee; or
  - Determining the committee’s campaign strategy.
- **“Paid Consultant”** is a person who, pursuant to a contract, provides expert advice or personal services related to conducting campaign activities or holding office, and who receives compensation for providing such advice or services.
- **“Political Party Central Committee”** refers to a designated body within the political party operating in California that directs the activities of the party throughout the state or within a particular county, such as a state central committee or a county central committee.

Performing any of the duties of a central committee member, such as attending meetings of the central committee in the capacity of a member, participating in central committee decisions, or representing oneself to others as a member of the central committee would be clear evidence of having accepted a membership position and having begun to serve as a member and would disqualify an applicant from membership on the CRC.
- **“Consultant”** is any person who has entered into an agreement to provide consulting services to a political party, campaign committee, a member of the Legislature, a member of Congress elected from California, or any candidate or elected representative for local office. The term “consulting services” means expert advice or personal services related to conducting campaign activities or to holding congressional, state, or local office.



## Guidance and Examples

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See below for guidance and examples that may assist with answering questions under item #12. The examples listed here are not intended to be the only types of experience and background information that may be listed, however, only serve as a guide to assist applicants with completing the application.

**a) “I possess experience demonstrating analytical skills relevant to the redistricting process and voting rights.”**

This may include, but is not limited to, any experiences where you used or developed skills that could apply when facilitating public meetings, analyzing data, working with maps, or any other tasks involved in the redistricting process.

**b) “I am able to understand and apply applicable state and federal legal requirements dealing with redistricting and voting rights.”**

This may include, but is not limited to, any experiences reading, analyzing, and applying laws and regulations in your work or otherwise.

**c) “I possess experience demonstrating impartiality.”**

This may include, but is not limited to, times you demonstrated fairness and high integrity or when you had to set aside your personal views to achieve a common goal.

**d) “I appreciate the diverse demographics and geography of the County of Los Angeles because of the following reasons.”**

This may include, but is not limited to, examples of how you have shown appreciation for Los Angeles County's racial, ethnic, linguistic, gender, economic, and/or geographic diversity.

