



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA **Initial Five Commissioners of the** **2020 Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission**

Date: **Tuesday, December 8, 2020**
Time: **6 PM**
Place: **Remote Virtual Participation Only**

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1. Public Comment Via Computer or iPhone/Android App:

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Commission Members: District 1 – Laura Katz
 District 2 – William McClintock, Vice Chair
 District 3 – Norman Bradley
 District 4 – Cary Gray
 District 5 – Glenn Morris, Chair

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.
2. Public Comment
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3. Commissioner disclosure of ex parte communications pursuant to County Ordinance Code Sec. 2-10.9A(5)(h).
4. Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2020.
5. Commission applicant interviews.
6. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the interview process.

ADJOURNMENT – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 6 p.m.

Agenda Packet Items:

Item 04 Minutes of December 2, 2020

Item 05 Listing of Finalists to be Interviewed

Item 05 Input Received Regarding Suggested Questions for Interviews

Item 05 Subcommittee Report on Questions for Interviews



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

CITIZENS INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Summary of Proceedings Initial Five Commissioners of the 2020 Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

Date: **Wednesday, December 2, 2020**
Time: **3:30 PM – 5:58 PM**
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BOARD ACTION SHOWN IN CAPS

1. Commission Convened

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Katz, McClintock, Bradley, Gray, Morris

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

SHELDON BOSIO, PRESIDENT SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FARM BUREAU, HEARD REGARDING ITEM 5, AND READ A LETTER (INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA PACKET) IN SUPPORT OF CANDIDATE JENNIFER HARDIN.

FELIX ESPARZA, LULAC SANTA MARIA CHAPTER, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS THAT THE CITY OF GUADALUPE IS NOT PROPERLY REPRESENTED IN THE SELECTION PROCESS.

JEFF GREEN, SANTA MARIA, HEARD REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF AGE DIVERSITY IN THE SELECTION PROCESS, AND SUPPORTS COMMISSION APPLICANT AMANDA OCHOA.

BRAEDON, SANTA MARIA, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT COMMISSION APPLICANT JANNET RIOS.

ARIANA ASSENMACHER, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT AGE, GENDER AND RACIAL DIVERSITY, COMMISSION APPLICANT JANNET RIOS, AND SUPPORTS COMMISSION APPLICANT MEGAN TURLEY.

JANET BLEVINS, LOMPOC, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT DIVERSITY AND INFORMATION FOUND ON SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES.

LAWANDA LYONS PRUITT, PRESIDENT NAACP, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS THAT THE COMMISSION IS NOT REFLECTIVE OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC MAKE-UP OF THE COMMUNITY, DOES NOT ALLOW FOR PARTICIPATION OF NON-REPRESENTED GROUPS, AND LACKS DIVERSITY, AND SUGGESTED ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS.

GERARDO ECHEVERIA, HEARD REGARDING SUPPORT OF COMMISSION APPLICANT LUPE ALVAREZ TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF GUADALUPE.

JANNET RIOS, HEARD REGARDING ITEM 5, REGARDING CONCERNS OF THE LACK OF RACIAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY, AND COMMENTED ABOUT HER SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.

LUIS GONZALEZ, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS THAT THE CITY OF GUADALUPE HAS NOT BEEN REPRESENTED, AND SUPPORTS COMMISSION APPLICANT LUPE ALVAREZ.

ARISTON JULIAN, MAYOR, CITY OF GUADALUPE, HEARD REGARDING HIS SUPPORT OF COMMISSION APPLICANT LUPE ALVAREZ.

FERNANDO, (COMMENTS IN SPANISH) HEARD REGARDING HIS SUPPORT OF COMMISSION APPLICANT LUPE ALVAREZ. MRS. TILTON AND MR. JOHNSON SUMMARIZED FERNANDO'S COMMENTS.

LILLI, DISTRICT 2, HEARD REGARDING APPLICANT SELECTION SLATES, AND SUPPORTS ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS.

KEN HOUGH, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ACTION NETWORK, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT THE LACK OF DIVERSITY, AND SUPPORTS ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS.

ANA ZEPDA, HEARD REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY, AND SUPPORTS ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS.

CLAIRE WINEMAN, PRESIDENT, GROWERSHIP ASSOCIATION OF SANTA BARBARA

AND SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTIES, HEARD REGARDING REPRESENTATION AND INCLUSION OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY.

MARC CHYTILO, HEARD REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL INDEPENDENCE AND CONCERNS ABOUT APPOINTING PREVIOUS OR CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS.

HILLARY BLACKERBY, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT THE LACK OF DIVERSITY OF THE SLATES, SUPPORTS ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS, AND RECOMMENDED SPANISH INTERPRETATION BE AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

WENDY SANTAMARIA, HEARD REGARDING CONCERNS ABOUT LACK OF GENDER AND RACIAL DIVERSITY. (AUDIO STOPPED WORKING DURING HER COMMENTS)

SPENCER BRANDT, ISLA VISTA, HEARD REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF AGE AND RACIAL DIVERSITY, AND SUPPORTS ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS.

GAIL TETON LANDIS, HEARD REGARDING DIVERSITY, CONCERNS ABOUT APPOINTING PREVIOUS OR CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND SUPPORTS ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS.

SHIRLEY, HEARD REGARDING HER SUPPORT OF COMMISSION APPLICANT LUPE ALVAREZ.

LEILANIE RUBINSTEIN, HEARD REGARDING SUPPORT OF ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS, AND THE NEED FOR REPRESENTATION OF UCSB.

ELOISA CHAVEZ, HEARD REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF DEMOGRAPHIC, GENDER, ETHNIC AND AGE DIVERSITY, AS WELL AS THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION, AND THE NEED FOR AN INTERPRETER FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FARM BUREAU SUPPORTING COMMISSION APPLICANT JENNIFER HARDIN, A FARMER AND LATINA.

JEFF HAVLIK REQUESTED THAT ISLA VISTA BE SEPARATED FROM SANTA YNEZ.

JULIE HAYWARD BIGGS, PAST CITY ATTORNEY FOR GOLETA RECOMMENDING NDC FOR REDESTRUCTING SERVICES.

ECONALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUPPORTING DEMOGRAPHIC, GEOGRAPHIC, AND BACKGROUND DIVERSITY FOR THE COMMISSION WITH POLITICAL AFFILIATION SECONDARY.

PAM GATES SUPPORTING DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY FOR THE COMMISSION.

KENDALL JAMES SUPPORTING DEMOGRAPHIC, GEOGRAPHIC AND POLITICAL DIVERSITY FOR THE COMMISSION.

3. Commissioner disclosure of ex parte communications pursuant to County Ordinance Code Sec. 2-10.9A(5)(h).

COMMISSIONER MORRIS REPORTED COMMUNICATIONS WITH MRS. TILTON REGARDING MEETING PROCEDURES.

4. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2020.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED FOR FIVE (5) MINUTES AT 4:25 PM, AND RECONVENED AT 4:30 PM.

5. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the selection of commission finalists to interview.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LEE HELLER, RECOMMENDED INTERVIEWING COMMISSION APPLICANT LATA MURTI, JANNET RIOS, MEGAN TURLEY, KEN MASUDA, JAMES HUDLEY AND JENNIFER HARDIN. SHE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT A POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF COMMISSION APPLICANTS, APPOINTING FORMER ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND SUPPORTS ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS.

DR. MELISSA SMITH, HEARD REGARDING SUPPORT OF COMMISSION APPLICANT MEGAN TURLEY, LATA MURTI AND JANNET RIOS, AND RECOMMENDED THAT JAMES HUDLEY AND KEN MASUDA ALSO BE INTERVIEWED, EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT APPOINTING ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND SUPPORTS ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS.

LUPE ALVAREZ, COMMENTED ON BEING FAIR, BALANCED AND IMPARTIAL.

GAIL TETON LANDIS, RECOMMENDED INTERVIEWING COMMISSION APPLICANT CLAUDIA KNUDSON, KEN MASUDA, MEGAN TURLEY, JAMES HUDLEY, LATA MURTI, JENNIFER HARDIN AND JANNET RIOS.

MR. JOHNSON COMMENTED THAT THE SELECTION IS LIMITED TO THE CURRENT CANDIDATE POOL.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

SUGGESTIONS TO DETERMINE THE 12 FINALISTS:

- START TO NARROW THE POOL BY REMOVING NAMES THAT DID NOT RECEIVE A SCORE
- SELECT AT LEAST 2 CANDIDATES FROM EACH DISTRICT
- FOCUS ON CANDIDATES WHO SCORED AT LEAST 3 FIRST ROUND VOTES
- SELECT CANDIDATES THAT RECEIVED THE HIGHEST SCORING (1, 2 OR 3)

FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, THE FOLLOWING 12 APPLICANTS WERE SELECTED TO BE INTERVIEWED:

DISTRICT 1: CLAUDIA KNUDSON, KAREN TWIBELL, DANIEL MONTELLO

DISTRICT 2: MEGAN TURLEY, KEN MASUDA

DISTRICT 3: JAMES HUDLEY, BENJAMIN OLMEDO

DISTRICT 4: JENNIFER HARDIN, LATA MURTI, AMANDA OCHOA

DISTRICT 5: JANNET RIOS, KEVIN ILAC

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 12 APPLICANTS FOR INTERVIEWS.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES

6. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action regarding the interview process and interview questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LEE HELLER, SUGGESTED CREATING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP INTERVIEW STANDARDS AND QUESTIONS THAT COVER COMFORT AND COMPETENCY IN DATA ASSESSMENT, AND INDEPENDENCE OF THOUGHT.

JANET BLEVINS, THANKED THE COMMISSION FOR THEIR WORK, AND FOR INCORPORATING PUBLIC COMMENTS IN THEIR DECISION MAKING.

JONATHAN ABBODD, SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, SUPPORTED ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT AFTER COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

SUGGESTIONS:

- CREATE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP FIVE QUESTIONS FOR ALL APPLICANTS.
- EACH COMMISSIONER ASK 1 QUESTION.
- APPLICANTS ALLOTTED 3 MINUTES TO ANSWER EACH QUESTION (TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES TOTAL RESPONSE TIME PER APPLICANT).
- QUESTIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN ADVANCE.
- INTERVIEW SCHEDULE WILL CONSIST OF 8 INTERVIEWS ON DECEMBER 8, AND 4 INTERVIEWS ON DECEMBER 9.
- MR. CHURCHWELL STATED THAT THE AGENDA CAN BE PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, AND THE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS PUBLISHED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7.
- NDC WILL CONTACT APPLICANTS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 TO SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS ON DECEMBER 8 AND 9.
- PUBLIC COMMENT MUST ALSO BE ALLOWED BEFORE INTERVIEWS BEGIN.

JANET BLEVINS COMMENTED THAT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW) MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH THE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS.

COMMISSIONER GRAY AND COMMISSIONER MCCLINTOCK WERE NOMINATED TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR INTERVIEW QUESTIONS.

JANET BLEVINS AND COMMISSIONER GRAY WILL REACH OUT TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND AAUW FOR INTERVIEW QUESTIONS, AND THEIR QUESTIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO MRS. TILTON BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3.

COMMISSIONERS QUESTIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO MRS. TILTON BY NOON, ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4.

MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER GRAY AND COMMISSIONER MCCLINTOCK TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND ACCEPT INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, AND SELECT THE FINAL FIVE QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANT INTERVIEWS.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES

7. Discussion, deliberation, and possible action about expanding three (3) minute public comment time for interviews and number of candidate interviews per day.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LEE HELLER, COMMENTED 3 MINUTES IS NOT ENOUGH TIME AND SUGGESTED 5 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

KEN HOUGH, SUGGESTED IN THE INTEREST OF TIME CONSTRAINTS, THAT PUBLIC COMMENT BE SPECIFIC TO THE PERSON OR PERSONS THEY SUPPORT AND NOT COMMENT ON ALL 12 CANDIDATES.

JANET BLEVINS, COMMENTED ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND AAUW.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

MR. JOHNSON MENTIONED THAT ONCE THE PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED, THE COMMISSION CAN INVITE THE APPLICANTS TO REMAIN AFTER THE INTERVIEWS HAVE CONCLUDED, FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS.

SUGGESTION TO EXPAND PUBLIC COMMENT TO FOUR (4) MINUTES TOTAL.

MOTION TO EXPAND PUBLIC COMMENT TO FOUR MINUTES

MOTION CARRIED: 5 AYES

8. Discussion of meeting dates and future agenda items for selection of the final six commissioners and other matters as may be appropriate.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 8 AND 9, AT 6 PM

REQUEST AVAILABILITY FOR JANUARY 2021 MEETING AFTER THE FINAL SIX COMMISSIONERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AT DECEMBER 9 MEETING.

RECOMMENDATION AND GUIDANCE FOR MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2021.

COMMISSION ORIENTATION PROCESS, INCLUDING PUBLIC INFORMATION, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND TRAINING.

MR. JOHNSON COMMENTED THAT NANCY ANDERSON, COUNTY OF SANTA

BARBARA IS WORKING ON SPANISH INTERPRETATION AVAILABILITY.

ADJOURNMENT – The next meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 6 p.m., and Wednesday, December 9, 6 p.m.

Agenda Packet Items:

Item 04 Minutes of November 18, 2020

Item 05 Individual Commissioner Initial Selection Slates / Lists

Item 06 Summary of Initial Commissioner Selection Slates

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
FINALIST INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Time Slot	Applicant	Sup Dist	Ethnicity	City	Age	Gender	Party
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Tuesday, December 8

6:20 p.m.	Rios, Jannet	5	H/L	Santa Maria	27	F	DEM
6:40 p.m.	Turley, Megan	2	W	Santa Barbara	29	F	DEM
7:00 p.m.	Twibell, Karen	1	DTS	Santa Barbara	67	F	DEM
7:20 p.m.	Hardin, Jennifer	4	H/L; W	Los Alamos	54	F	REP
7:40 p.m.	Hudley, James	3	B/AA	Goleta	43	M	DEM
8:00 p.m.	Olmedo, Benjamin	3	H/L	Solvang	42	M	NPP
8:20 p.m.	Ochoa, Amanda	4	H/L; W	Lompoc	39	F	NPP
8:40 p.m.	Montello, Daniel	1	W	Santa Barbara	60	M	NPP

Wednesday, December 9

6:20 p.m.	Masuda, Ken	2	A	Santa Barbara	78	M	REP
6:40 p.m.	Murti, Lata	4	A	Orcutt	44	F	NPP
7:00 p.m.	Ilac, Kevin	5	A; NH/OPI; W	Santa Maria	41	M	NPP
7:20 p.m.	Knudson, Claudia	1	W	Santa Barbara	58	F	OTH

APPLICATION FOR "COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION"

Applications Due By: August 21, 2020, 5:00PM

Application Revised: 6/29/2020

Date Received:

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete each item below and sign the application. For more information please review the ordinance, visit the redistricting webpage at: www.countyofsb.org/redistricting or email questions to redistricting@countyofsb.org.

Please print legibly in ink or type. When completed, print and sign the application. Submit the application by mail, drop off or email as listed on the signature page.

1. Today's Date: **8/19/2020**

2. NAME:

Rios

Jannet

Last

First

Middle

Santa Maria

93458

City

Zip Code

6. Are you or have you been employed by the County of Santa Barbara? ☐ YES ☒ No If YES, list:

Department:

Title:

Date:

Demographic Section: Providing this information is optional. You may select "decline to state" for each answer. County Ordinance Code Section 2-10.9A, (4)(h)(3) requires six of the 11 appointees, in addition to meeting minimum requirements, be chosen in a way that ensures the Commission reflects the County's diversity, including racial, ethnic, geographic, age, and gender diversity. However, formulas or specific ratios shall not be applied for this purpose.

7. Please describe your ethnic origin. Mark one or more boxes.

- ☐ BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN: All persons having origins in any of the original Black racial groups of Africa.
- ☒ HISPANIC/LATINO: All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- ☐ ASIAN: All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- ☐ NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER: All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- ☐ AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain cultural affiliation or community recognition.

☐ WHITE (not of Hispanic Origin): All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

☐ Decline to state

8. Select the gender you identify as:

☒ Female ☐ Male ☐ Non-Binary ☐ Decline to state

9. What is your age: 27 ☐ Decline to state

10. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

As a first-generation, Mexican woman daughter of immigrants who is life long resident of Santa Maria, I have seen and experienced first hand the challenges and victories that my community of Santa Maria continues to undergo. Additionally, being a life-long resident of this community and of the community now known as District 2, I have developed relationships with people from all walks which has allowed me to develop a deep understanding for the needs of the community.

As an educator and community member who continues to be involved in the community, the relationships I have developed with people in District 2 and across Santa Maria have been crucial in allowing me to establish relationships and a empathy for the needs of the people. I believe that my experience with Future Leaders of America and my church has also allowed me to connect with people from all walks of live who have different lived experience, points of view and values. Due to our community being so diverse, I believe that we should always lead with the question of "what are their needs?" in order to ensure to that the community members have the resources they need to thrive. As a Community College educator, I have also been able to develop relationships with students from different backgrounds which has allowed me to see that each person and community has needs that are important to them and that as life events happen those changes will evolve and change.

To be a part of this commitee, it is important to keep in mind the diverse needs of the community. I still recall when the city began the conversation of redistricting in 2017. Being a part of the city forums was so interesting because I was able to see first hand how the commitee balanced out the needs of each community and negotiated how the resources are distributed. Keeping all of that in mind, now that I am back in my community after recieving my Bachelors degree and Master's degree, I want to give back to the community that has given me so much. I believe that it is that empathy, care, passion and love for my community that will be an asset being a part of the community. Through this commitee, I hope to use my privilege and love for the community to advocate for the resources the community needs.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Give any other relevant information pertaining to your qualifications and experience that bear on your application for the Commission.

***Required Selection Criteria: Please answer the following yes/no questions.**

*Are you a resident of the County of Santa Barbara?

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Are you registered to vote in the County of Santa Barbara?

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Have you changed your registered political party affiliation within the past 5 years?

☐ Yes ☒ No

*Have you voted in Santa Barbara County in at least one of the last three statewide elections?

☒ Yes ☐ No

*I have read and comply with the provisions of Elections Code § 23003(c), (d) and (e).

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Do you have any significant financial interest, as defined in County Ordinance Sec. 2-10.9A. - Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission, in any company, corporation or other business entity that has donated five hundred dollars or more in one year to any candidate for elective office of the County of Santa Barbara, or to any controlled committee, primarily formed committee, general purpose committee, independent expenditure committee that expended funds in support or opposition to a candidate for elective office of the County of Santa Barbara within the last eight years preceding appointment to the commission?

☐ Yes ☒ No

*Have you or any immediate family member, within the last eight years preceding appointment to the commission, contributed five hundred dollars or more in one year to any candidate controlled committee, primarily formed committee, or general purpose committee, independent expenditures committee or other political action committee that has expended more than one thousand dollars in support or in opposition to the election campaign for any elective office of the County of Santa Barbara?

☐ Yes ☒ No

*Have you or any immediate family member, within the last eight years preceding appointment to the commission, been a board member, officer, paid or volunteer staff of, or had a significant influence on the actions or decisions of a political committee required to register with the California Secretary of State, which expended funds in excess of five hundred dollars in support or opposition to a candidate for any elective office of the County of Santa Barbara, including member communications.

☐ Yes

☒ No

How this application will be used:

I understand the contents of this application may be made available to the public including posting on the internet.

☒ Yes, I understand

I understand that while this application is a public document, my personal e-mail address, street address, and phone number(s) will be kept confidential to the extent authorized by law.

☒ Yes, I understand

By signing below, I declare under penalty of perjury that the answers provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Completed applications must be received by Friday, August 21, 2020 at 5 p.m. Double check your answers in the application; once submitted, applications cannot be amended. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

OPTION 1:

Mail To:

Joseph E. Holland
Redistricting Commission
County Clerk, Recorder, Assessor, Registrar of Voters
P.O. Box 159
Santa Barbara, CA 93102-0159

Drop Off in Person To:

Joseph E. Holland Redistricting Commission Assessor's Office
105 E. Anapamu St, Room 204 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

OPTION 2:

E-mail your completed application. Ensure the application is signed (no e-signatures), then e-mail the application to: redistricting@countyofsb.org

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1. Today's Date:

2. NAME:

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Santa Barbara

City

93105

Zip Code

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9. What is your age: 29 ☐ Decline to state

10. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

I was born and raised in Santa Barbara, and am a proud graduate of our public education system (go Dons!) I hold degrees in Sociology and East Asian Studies from Brown University, where I learned first-hand the importance of functioning local governments and bipartisan collaboration.

As an active citizen, I follow local issues closely, have voted in almost every Santa Barbara election since I was eligible, even out of state at college, thanks to absentee ballots. I spend quite a bit of time before each election doing in-depth research on each local and state ballot measures, and am often the person that my friends come to to decipher difficult-to-understand propositions or convoluted federal and state mandates.

My background as a research sociologist is a natural match for this commission as I have experience parsing large quantities of demographic data, remaining objective in order to ethically conduct research in social settings, and understanding the important demographic and social makeups of individual districts.

As a life-long Santa Barbara resident, I am aware of and very appreciative of the diversity and depth of this community, as well as the character and history of individual neighborhoods and their surrounding districts.

I also have experience in leadership positions and committees, and am currently a Co-Chair of the ELP Alumni Council, which hosts professional development events and opportunities for graduates of Leading From Within's Emerging Leaders Program for nonprofit leaders (my term will end by February of 2021).

I have a strong belief that decisions made for the people should involve the people - the redistricting process should be accessible to all community members in Santa Barbara county regardless of geographic location, language barriers or lack of access to technology. I will work to advocate for transparent decision-making, accessible meetings, and research-backed solutions.

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I've been on the fundraising and development team at the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics at UCSB for the last 2.5 years, and before that spent 4 years as a Dream Coordinator for local nonprofit Dream Foundation.

In addition to my own work, I am very connected to the nonprofit sector in Santa Barbara County through the ELP network. I imagine this would be helpful experience to have in understanding the full context of the demographics at play when making decisions around redistricting in the county. I will also feel comfortable utilizing these resources to seek information with which to make those decisions.

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10. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

My husband and I were both born in the County of Santa Barbara (he in Santa Maria and me in Santa Barbara). I attended UCSB and graduated with a degree in Sociology. I have been a registered voter since I became eligible to vote (1971) and have not changed political parties since that time. I have worked for a real estate investment firm, a local non-profit, and a property management company and am now retired. My hobbies include kayaking, and hiking the front and back country of Santa Barbara County.

In order to understand the need for redistricting in Santa Barbara County, I feel you need to understand the unique issues that are of importance to the various areas in the County. I live in Mission Canyon and am very aware of the fire hazards that this community faces. My family background has introduced me to many of the specific communities in the county and therefore I would understand the concerns of constituents throughout the county. My father worked in the oil industry around Guadalupe, a family friend owns a farm in Santa Maria and my parents live in the Santa Ynez Valley. Others I know have been impacted by the growth of the marijuana industry in Carpinteria. My daughter attended Santa Barbara schools and I participated as a PTA president and member. As a "Master Gardener" I volunteer in the community to help bring awareness to waterwise gardening because of the water issues we have in the County.

In lending strength to a commission such as this, my analytical skills gained in the real estate industry would allow me to analyse materials pertinent to the task. As an HR director for a non-profit I have a great understanding of the human condition in the County. I am familiar with planning and development issues because my husband is an architect and has served on the County Board of Architectural Review. We have discussed many of the issues facing the county such as density, the importance of the Coastal commission, and transportation concerns.

Thank you for taking my application into consideration.

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1. Today's Date: August 18, 2020

2. NAME: HARDIN JENNIFER LOUISE
Last First Middle

Los Alamos 93440
City Zip Code

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10. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

I am a 7th generation Californian and a lifelong resident of Santa Barbara County. I still live on a portion of property in Los Alamos that has been in my family since 1839. My family has been ranching in California since the early 1800's. My Dad and I ran our own cattle operation together for nearly 30 years. In that time, we leased ranches in Gaviota, Lompoc, Buellton, Los Olivos, Santa Ynez, Los Alamos, Orcutt, and Santa Maria. We also ran a receiving station in Buellton where we helped local ranchers facilitate the transportation of their cattle to the Livestock Market in Templeton. These ventures afforded us the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with even the most remote areas of the County and also provide a service for fellow ranchers.

Prior to taking on our family's cattle operation full time, I worked as a food server at various restaurants in Santa Maria to earn money and put myself through school. This experience in the service industry taught me valuable lessons in people skills! After college, I was a bookkeeper for 5 years at a row crop farming company in Guadalupe.

Santa Barbara County is a beautiful and economically diverse area that is rich in history tradition. Our County boasts a number of large cattle ranches, ranchettes, hobby farms, wineries and vineyards, row crop farming operations, beach front properties, popular tourist destinations, and most recently, cannabis operations. While I value the history and traditions of Santa Barbara County, I completely understand that change is inevitable and, when "handled" correctly, can be a positive thing. My own home town of Los Alamos, once referred to as a "sleepy little western town" dominated by cattle ranching and dry farming, is now surrounded by vineyards and cannabis operations and considered to be a popular tourist destination with trendy restaurants! The diversity that makes this area so unique can also create challenges when trying to ensure that all residents and their interests are adequately represented. Responsible redistricting is a way to make this possible and I would love to be a part of this significant decision making process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Hardin

11. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Give any other relevant information pertaining to your qualifications and experience that bear on your application for the Commission.

My family has deep roots in Santa Barbara County. My Great Great Great Grandfather, Jose de la Guerra, was commandante of the Presidio of Santa Barbara from 1815 to 1842. He was an influential man at the time and acquired several thousand acres of land through purchases and land grants. Portions of these original land grants in Cuyama and Lompoc are still owned by family members and currently operate as cattle ranches.

The Oreña Adobe in Santa Barbara, originally constructed by Jose de la Guerra in 1849, was purchased in 1858 by Gaspar Oreña after he married De la Guerra's daughter, Maria Antonia. Gaspar Oreña and Maria Antonia were my Great Great Grandparents. Fortunately, my family maintains possession of this Adobe.

Judge John T. Rickard, who served as mayor of Santa Barbara from 1953 – 1956, was my uncle. "Uncle Jack", as we fondly referred to him as, also served as City Harbor Commissioner and as City Attorney of Santa Barbara. He was instrumental in revitalizing Old Spanish Days Fiesta, after it had been "placed on hold" during World War II and because of the subsequent droughts experienced in Southern California. Uncle Jack loved Santa Barbara and was proud of his years of service to the city.

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My belief in the importance of protecting the democratic process of voting and ensuring that all residents of the county are represented during critical decision-making processes guides my interest in serving on the Santa Barbara County Redistricting Commission. I bring varied experience in both my professional and personal background that would be an asset to the role. Professionally I have years of work experience in financial management and data analysis. Locally I work at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where I have conducted campus-wide projects to enhance student access and services for underrepresented student groups and manage financial budgets over fifty million dollars annually. In my role as a senior financial analyst, I display critical thinking skills, attention to detail, establishing policies and internal controls, analysis of complex data, and communication with senior leadership on impactful campus decisions. I have additional experience on campus working with and on boards as I currently sit on the University Student Center Governance Board (UCEN) and the Chancellor's Staff Advisory Council (CSAC). As a member of the UCEN Governance Board, I am the staff voting representative, and I provide financial guidance and expertise to help the board with the operating budget, capital expenditures, and operating policies for the year. My role in CSAC allows me to contribute to campus-wide policy analysis and creation as we address issues that affect staff employees. Our latest project work reviewed and expanded work from home and flexible work arrangement policies ahead of the pandemic. As part of my community volunteer work, I currently preside as the Vice President and board member for the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Santa Barbara (MLKSB). In my role with MLKSB, I have organized, planned, and conducted various programs and outreach initiatives in the Santa Barbara community celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. every January. These celebrations have allowed me to work with community members and leaders to address divisive topics and provide solutions that they have expressed were missing in program education within the county. I appreciate the opportunity to apply for this vitally important role with the commission, and I look forward to contributing to the work of its mission.

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Application Revised: 6/29/2020

Date Received:

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1. Today's Date: 8/16/20

2. NAME:

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6. Are you or have you been employed by the County of Santa Barbara? ☐ YES ☒ No If YES, list:

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9. What is your age: 39 ☐ Decline to state

10. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

Maps matter. Borders matter. I want to serve on the Santa Barbara County Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission because I believe my vote and the vote of my neighbor should carry the same weight as fellow citizens in other parts of the county. I want to be in the room when decisions are made to ensure that happens.

My education and employment history qualify me to serve. My lack of affiliation with a political party or any elected official coupled with my dedication to equity make me an ideal candidate.

I have a bachelor's degree in government with a minor in economics, a master ' s degree in teaching and a PhD in Leadership and Policy studies, the latter being essentially a doctorate in education statistics. As part of my graduate degree, I taught classes on the decennial census and the American Community Survey including overviews of sampling methods, census tracts, data availability and access, etc.

Currently, I am a Technical Writer for a financial institution with a state-wide presence. My job is to listen to subject matter experts and distill their jargon into policies and procedures accessible and useful to front-line employees. I know how to synthesize and communicate information to stakeholders and enjoy leading a project through to completion.

I was born and raised in Lompoc, where I currently reside. I have an intimate knowledge of Santa Barbara county and look forward to serving my community.

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N/A

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1. Today's Date: **June 29, 2020**

2. NAME:

Montello, Daniel Randolph

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Santa Barbara

City

93101

Zip Code

6. Are you or have you been employed by the County of Santa Barbara? ☐ YES ☒ No If YES, list:

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7. **EXPERIENCE:** Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

I am interested in serving on the County of Santa Barbara Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission because I want to help establish fair electoral districts in Santa Barbara County. I am thoroughly informed as to the profound implications of electoral districts for fair (representative) democracy, and I am a big proponent of partisan-balanced redistricting committees. I have interests and expertise that are particularly relevant to serving on the Commission.

I am a Geography Professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), and I am professionally interested in political geography, the role of geography in attitudes and identity formation, and the geography of regions, including administrative regions like electoral districts. I am particularly interested in redistricting and well versed in the phenomenon of gerrymandering, which is powerful and fascinating. I have abundant analytical skills that are directly relevant to activities of the Redistricting Commission, including expertise in data analysis, social surveys (including the Census), mapping, and geographic information systems (GIS). I have been on the faculty of the Department of Geography at UCSB, one of the country's highest ranked geography departments, since 1992. I teach a course on human geography (GEOG 5) every year and have for over 20 years. Human geography includes population, demography, migration, economic geography, urban geography, political geography, and more. I also teach a course on the regional geography of the United States (GEOG 150) annually and have for nearly 20 years; this course includes a significant portion specifically about California. I have also taught courses in statistical data analysis and research methods for over 20 years. I coauthored the textbooks for all three of these courses. I have studied and written about geographic regions and regionalization, authoring or coauthoring a handful of articles and chapters on these topics; for example, in 2017, my doctoral student Daniel Phillips and I published "Defining the Community of Interest as Thematic and Cognitive Regions" in the academic journal Political Geography. I am very familiar with geographic information systems (GIS), which are used to assist in the process of redistricting. I am internationally recognized as an expert on how people perceive and reason with map information and GIS. I am currently Co-Editor-in-Chief of the academic journal Spatial Cognition and Computation. As a Professor of Geography and instructor of human geography, I have extensive knowledge about Santa Barbara County's (and California's and the US's) demographic and geographic diversity, including its ethnic and racial groups; its socioeconomic and occupational groups; its economic activities; its physical features, including climates, landforms, and vegetation; and its urban, rural, and wilderness landscapes.

8. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Give any other relevant information pertaining to your qualifications and experience that bear on your application for the Commission.

My professional activities over the years provide ample evidence of my ability to work with others and provide leadership. I served as Vice-Chair of UCSB's Department of Geography from 1996 to 2005 and Chair from 2014 to 2016. I was Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Education at UCSB's College of Letters and Science from 2005 to 2009. I have served on several campus committees, including the Campus Elections Committee, the Public Safety Committee, the Student Affairs Council, the Student Fee Advisory Committee, the Executive Committee of the College of Letters & Science, and both the Undergraduate and Graduate Councils. I served as Vice-Chair of the UCSB Faculty Club Board of Directors in 2005. I helped create the UCSB Graduate Emphasis in Cognitive Science, served on its Steering Committee from 1996 to the present, including Chairing it from 1999 to 2005. I have also served as Vice-Chair/ Chair/Past Chair and Academic Director of the Environmental Perception and Behavioral Geography Specialty Group of the Association for American Geographers (AAG).

The depth and sincerity of my desire to serve is further evidenced by a variety of volunteer activities I have participated in over the years. I have given presentations at area K-12 schools nearly every year for over 20 years, as part of National Geography Awareness Week. I have given free lectures at the Map Society of California meeting in Santa Barbara, the UCSB Faculty Club, and the Rotary Club of Carpinteria. I have served as a volunteer judge several times at both the Santa Barbara County and California State Science Fairs. I recorded textbooks for the Santa Barbara Unit of Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic), served as volunteer escort at Cottage Hospital, and led the organization of "Space for Dinner," a group of UCSB faculty, staff, and students who purchased, prepared, and served dinner once a month at the Emergency Shelter of the Transition House in Santa Barbara (the pandemic has put that on hold).

In sum, I have a great deal of professional experience with oral and written communication, and in presenting complicated materials to audiences of various cultural and educational backgrounds. Finally, I am moderate politically (having always been registered as NPP in California) and believe in the great importance of maintaining dialogue and mutual respect among stakeholders with different political views.

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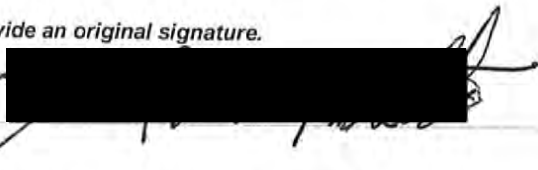
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Please Agree with the Following Statement

I agree that upon submission of this application all information provided is a matter of public record, and is subject to disclosure.

Please provide an original signature.

Sign Here:

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**SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR "COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CITIZENS'
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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CLERK
RECORDER AND ASSESSOR

Applications Due By: August 21, 2020, 5:00PM

Date Received:

The following information is requested to supplement your original application for the 'Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission'. Demographics are a component of the selection process of the applicants to ensure the Commission reflects the County's diversity in accordance with the Ordinance. The on-line application form was updated with these sections after your original application submittal.

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1. Today's Date: August 1, 2020

2. NAME:

Montello, Daniel Randolph
Last First Middle

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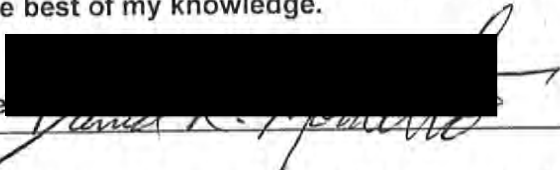
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2. NAME:

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Santa Barbara

93111

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Zip Code

6. Are you or have you been employed by the County of Santa Barbara? ☒ YES ☐ No If YES, list:

Department: **County Executive Office**

Title: **Assistant CEO/Budget Director**

Date: **2002-2007**

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10. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

I have perspective. I was a member of the Santa Barbara County CEO's Office during the 1990 and 2000 redistricting efforts and an active observer during the 2010 redistricting process. I have lived in Santa Barbara County since 1983 and understand that, again, one critical question will be where does the 2nd District boundary end and the 3rd District begin.

I have excellent analysis skills. I have experience looking at and analyzing large amounts of data, both during my time in the CEO's Office and prior work in community planning. I can look at the whole and parts, even small parts which, in the Commission's case, would be blocks within census tracts. And, having seen the detail, I have the ability to put everything back together into a coherent, logical whole. For example, as County Budget Director I was directly involved in the development of the annual County Operating Budget, both detailed departmental and program budgets and the overall matching of expenditures and funding sources, for 5 consecutive fiscal years.

I understand how physical and governmental boundaries such as school districts, help define communities and neighborhoods. I have used these concepts in my prior work as the Assistant Director of the Merced County Planning Department and their Assistant LAFCO Executive Officer.

I have facilitated collaborative group processes. As a member of the Commission I will actively listen to those from other parts of the county, particularly those from cities whose area might need to be divided between districts. It will be important for the Commission to work collaboratively in order to reach agreement on a redistricting map for the County.

I believe that the totality of my experience makes me an ideal candidate for the Commission.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Give any other relevant information pertaining to your qualifications and experience that bear on your application for the Commission.

I fully endorse the aims of the County's redistricting ordinance and it would be my goal for the Commission to deliver a politically neutral map for Board approval.

I am a retired member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). This organization includes the following in its Code of Ethics:

Tenet 3

Demonstrate by word and action the highest standards of ethical conduct and integrity in all public, professional, and personal relationships in order that the member may merit the trust and respect of the elected and appointed officials, employees, and the public.

Tenet 4

Serve the best interests of the people.

Tenet 7

Refrain from all political activities which undermine public confidence in professional administrators. Refrain from participation in the election of the members of the employing legislative body.

I believe I demonstrated the ability to be impartial numerous times during my 25 years with the CEO's Office. During that time, for example, I was asked by an influential Democrat and later by a prominent Republican if I was interested in running for public office and, in both cases, declined.

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9. What is your age: 44 ☐ Decline to state

10. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

My professional and community experiences can help me redraw voting district lines to ensure that all of Santa Barbara County's diverse communities are represented in local politics.

Professionally, I am an Associate Professor of Sociology for Brandman University. As a sociologist, I am keenly aware of how the apparently independent decisions of individuals are actually greatly influenced by social and political factors and forces. I have also learned what questions to ask and what data to analyze to find out what those sociopolitical factors and forces are. For example, I was informally asking and analyzing why some Santa Barbara communities are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others before local media revealed that undocumented agricultural workers and incarcerated individuals (nearly all of whom are people of color) are more susceptible to the virus because they are not able to work from home nor socially distance (<http://www.santamariasun.com/news/19892/farmworkers-in-santa-barbara-and-san-luis-obispo-counties-remain-vulnerable-as-the-covid19-crisis-continues/>).

Also, as a local educator, I am always learning from others. Many of the working adult students I have taught during the past nine years—both in my hybrid (part online, part in person) classes on Brandman's Santa Maria campus and in my fully online classes—are from Santa Barbara County. They have educated me about local communities, as I have not grown up in the county. I have learned from them some of Santa Maria's specific needs, such as having more K-12 teachers from the city or county instead of from San Luis Obispo County, and also a more bilingual (Spanish-English) workforce, in addition to more jobs for those who are not Spanish-English bilingual. Helping to redraw voting districts so that county residents are better able to elect representatives who can make sure these needs are met is one way I can work to address these needs.

Additionally, I have been active in community organizations that have given me firsthand insight into local, County needs. Serving as a community volunteer for Santa Barbara County Education Office's Partners in Education organization since 2013 has allowed me the opportunity to speak in classrooms throughout the county about college and my career. In those classrooms, I hear our youth's concerns about their communities. They want to foster more respect for public facilities and spaces, the environment, and for each other. And they are our future voters. I want to help make voting as accessible as possible for them so their voices and concerns are heard.

Moreover, I am currently the 2020-2021 Co-President Elect of the Santa Maria Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). As the organization is currently celebrating the centennial anniversary of the 19th amendment and U.S. women's right to vote, I have been learning (and informally educating others) that this right did not extend to all women of color until 1965; and many women of color nationwide still face barriers to voting. I want to do my part to help make sure no such barriers exist in Santa Barbara County.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Give any other relevant information pertaining to your qualifications and experience that bear on your application for the Commission.

Personally, as a South Asian American woman who has lived in many different parts of the nation and spent a considerable amount of time in Latin American and India, I have learned through experience what it means to respect diversity—namely, how to practice cultural humility and really listen to others on their terms without assuming to know what others need. Also, I have learned how to do this in more than one language, as I am proficient in Spanish and also have a basic, conversational knowledge of Tamil (a South Indian, Dravidian language). I believe that cultural humility and active listening, as well as asking the right questions when appropriate, are important skills and experiences that I can bring to the Commission to help redraw voting districts in ways that are fair to all of Santa Barbara County's communities.

Recently, I helped to organize and facilitate a webinar through my university on the importance of Census 2020 data for all communities. The webinar featured speakers from Kern County who work for the Census Bureau and for non-profit organizations in the county. It was from these speakers that I learned the importance of Census 2020 data for redistricting. As a sociologist, I already knew the importance of census data for academic research. But I didn't realize its importance for redistricting, specifically, until the webinar. Now I am excited that I may possibly be able to apply Census 2020 data not only in my research but also in ways that help to improve my local community and County. As I learned from the webinar speakers, Census 2020 data are particularly significant because, for the first time, respondents can write in their ethnic identities in addition to indicating their racial identities. As a result, we will have more data on our nation's and county's diversity than ever before.

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10. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

As a person who has grown up in a military and law enforcement family and is currently serving as a Government teacher for the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, I know what a life of service entails. Safe guarding our democracy is one of the founding principles of being an American citizen.

I believe due to my years (19) of public service as an educator that I am uniquely suited to be on this redistricting commission. Also I believe that because I have taught government for all those years I bring a keen insight and understanding of why this process is important and how it should be conducted to represent the American ideals of equality and equity in our representative democracy.

Also being a man of a multi-ethnic background I have learned over the years to see with eyes that search for all people to have their voices heard. It is why I serve on multiple committees for our local schools in Santa Maria, especially our Ethnic ^{and gender} Studies committee.

I believe that for your committee to succeed you need people of a diverse background who have worked in collaborative processes and know how important our democracy is and why representation matters. I feel my resume and experience fits those needs for this commission.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Give any other relevant information pertaining to your qualifications and experience that bear on your application for the Commission.

- * 19 year veteran high school teacher who has primarily taught Government and AVID.
- * Department Chair of Social Sciences
- * Head Coach of multiple Varsity sports for both boy+girl athletes.
- * School Site Council President
- * Multiple committee member for SMJUHSD (EGS, AVID, SS, Parent Outreach)
- * Lifelong voter since college
- * BA in History, MA in Administration

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10. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

I have lived in Santa Barbara for the past 35 years, and raised two daughters here. I value all that Santa Barbara has to offer, and appreciate the opportunity to give back. In 2014 I graduated from UCSB with a Geography degree and an emphasis in Geographic Information Services (GIS). I work well in groups, and after graduating I had a summer fellowship at Harvard, sponsored by the NSF, to research at the Center for Geographic Analysis. The following Winter, I participated at NASA's Spring DEVELOP leadership program.

I would be a dedicated member, and I value learning with others. My strengths are deep listening, goal oriented; diplomacy, time and priority management, and continuous learning.

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As a geographer, I bring with me the understanding of our region, both culturally and dynamically. Our county consists of diverse social stratifications; delimitation should be balanced so all citizens have equal representation.

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County of Santa Barbara

Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR COMMISSION FINALISTS

Submitted by Commissioners, Public, and Consultant

Submitted by commissioners:

1. Tell us how you would balance the needs of the individual citizens with the industries, businesses and other economic entities within your district.
2. Do you have a social media presence? How have you used it to advocate certain political views and social issues?
3. How would you help the commission to draw lines that promote “partisan fairness” and “electoral competitiveness?”
4. What are your perceptions of the county’s last redistricting process in 2010 and its results on our citizens?
5. Why do you want to be one of the 11 commissioners who will establish the redistricting boundaries next year?
6. What special skills or unique experiences will you be able to contribute to our redistricting commission.
7. Describe a time when you had to reconcile a strong personal preference or belief with the contrary position(s) of a professional team you worked with. How did you reach a personal compromise with the team and, despite your strongly held belief(s), how did it affect your relationship with your colleagues?
8. What are some special skills and experience that you can bring to the Redistricting Commission?
9. Assuming roughly equal population, geographic and “compactness” factors, if you are forced to select between demographic characteristics to define a “community of interest”—e.g., race, ethnicity, average age, employment, average income level, majority political party registration, etc.—which characteristics (if any) do you feel should be prioritized? Alongside the legal requirements, which characteristics most significantly define a community of interest?

Submitted by members of the public

10. You will be representing District ?. Have you ever lived in another supervisorial district?

11. After population, what are your next priorities for redistricting consideration?
12. Do you think it is important to keep communities of interest together and why?
13. What is an example of a time where you have interacted productively with someone with whom you disagree on almost every point?
14. What is an example of a time when someone changed your mind?
15. How might you personally benefit or be injured by the results of redistricting?
16. Can you describe 3-5 groups or organizations that you are involved with and the nature of the interaction/your role in that group/organization?

Obtained by NDC from the 2001 Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Chair

17. Why did you want to be on the commission?
18. How would you describe a “successful” redistricting process?
19. How important is it to you to try to achieve consensus on issues?
20. When a decision is made by the commission that you don’t agree with, what is your attitude about moving forward with that decision made?
21. How would you deal with another member of the commission who was very vocally in opposition to your position on an issue?
22. Can you give us some examples of group decision-making you have been a part of, and how successful were those efforts?
23. What is the one thing about working with others that really “bugs” you? What is the greatest pleasure in the same exercise?

Obtained by NDC from the California State Auditor: questions asked of applicants for the 2021 California Independent Redistricting Commission

24. Describe the Ideal Commissioner.
 - What specific skills and attributes does the Ideal Commissioner possess?
 - Compare your own skills and attributes to the Ideal Commissioner.
 - What would hinder or impair your ability to perform as a Commissioner? How would you overcome or compensate?

25. Work on the Commission requires members of different political backgrounds to work together. Since the 2010 Commission was selected and formed, the American political conversation has become increasingly polarized, whether in the press, on social media, and even in our own families.
- Have you been personally affected by this political polarization and if so, what have you done to mitigate this challenge?
 - What characteristics do you possess – and what characteristics should your fellow Commissioners possess—that will protect against hyperpartisanship?
 - What specific plans will you have to ensure that the work of the Commission is not seen as polarized or hyperpartisan?
26. What is the greatest pitfall the Commission could encounter?
- What actions would you take to avoid or ameliorate this pitfall?
 - And if the Commission does encounter this pitfall, what actions would you take to help it recover?
27. If you are selected, you will be one of fourteen members of the Commission which is charge with working together to create maps of the new districts. Please describe a situation from your life where you had to work collaboratively with others on a project to achieve a common goal.
- Tell us the goal of the project, what your role in the group was, and how the group worked well and not so well.
 - What lessons would you take from this group experience to the Commission if selected?
28. A considerable amount of the Commission’s work will involve meeting with people from all over California who come from very different backgrounds and a wide variety of perspectives.
- What experiences have you had traveling, working, or living in various parts of California and how have they made you the Californian you are today?
 - If you are selected as a Commissioner, what skills, attributes, and experiences will make you effective at interacting with the public?
29. As you probably know, prior to the adoption of Proposition 11, which created the Commission, redistricting was done by the Legislature, which led to a perception that politicians were drawing district maps for partisan gain. Although the Commission is made up of members of different parties, how do think the Commission can avoid perceptions of political bias or conflict?
30. Describe a situation from your personal experience where you had to work with others to resolve a conflict or a difference of opinion. Please describe the issue and explain your role in addressing and resolving the conflict. If you are selected to serve on the Commission, explain how you will resolve conflicts that arise among the Commissioners.

31. Given the commission's initial five members -- and what you know about their backgrounds and skill sets -- could you highlight elements of your personal background, experiences, skills, and knowledge of Santa Barbara County that you think will add to the overall diversity of the commission?
32. The commission will be composed of 11 individuals from different backgrounds who must work collaboratively to produce the County's new district lines. Could you describe a project or other experience (work or non-work) in which you had to collaborate with a group of individuals in order to reach a common goal? Were there any particular challenges that you faced that might be relevant to how the commission will do its work?
33. You may be selected for a district-based commission seat or for the at-large commission seat. Although you will be making decisions affecting all of Santa Barbara County, your experiences living within a current supervisorial district might be relevant to the commission's work. Could you tell us how your knowledge and experience living in your supervisorial district might help inform the commission's redistricting activities? How do you think your residency might limit your knowledge and experience of rest of the County -- and how might you address those limitations?
34. Many residents of Santa Barbara County have little or no experience with redistricting. How do you think the commission should address the problem of public education and outreach on redistricting to help encourage broad participation in the commission's work? Are there particular populations in the County that may need special outreach -- and how might you reach those populations?
35. Given the COVID-based restrictions on public hearings and other types of in-person gatherings that County government is likely to face in the coming months, do you have any ideas or strategies dealing with public input that could help ensure that the commission's redistricting work is transparent and well-informed by residents of the County?



County of Santa Barbara

Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR COMMISSION FINALISTS

Interviews to be conducted December 8 and 9 at 6 p.m.

(see agenda to be posted 72 hours in advance at www.countyofsb.org/redistricting.sbc)

Responses limited to no more than three minutes per question.

1. Why do you want to serve on the Redistricting Commission?
2. Given the commission's initial five members, and what you know about their backgrounds and skill sets, could you highlight elements of your personal background, experiences, skills, and knowledge of Santa Barbara County that you think will add to the overall diversity of the commission?
3. How would you help the commission to draw lines that promote “communities of interest?”
4. Could you describe a project or other experience in which you had to collaborate with a group of individuals in order to reach a common goal? When you disagreed with others, how did you handle those disagreements?
5. How do you think the commission should address the problem of public education and outreach on redistricting to help encourage broad participation in the commission's work? What are some ideas you have for the Commission to solicit public input on the redistricting process, and methods of public outreach to ensure transparency?