

Application to Serve on the County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission

This is your application to serve as a Commissioner on the County of San Diego's 2020-2021 Independent Redistricting Commission.

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

Arvid

First Name

Larson

Last Name

Make sure you have all the pages.

There are nine (9) 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 pages 2-9 in the "Initial Here" 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.

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 San Diego County to serve on the Commission. See page 3 for more details.

Questions? Learn more at www.sandiegocounty.gov/redistricting or redistricting@sdcounty.ca.gov.

This application must be received no later than Friday, July 31, 2020, at 5 p.m. See page 9 for submittal instructions.





Application Timeline

July 31, 2020	Applications must be received by the San Diego County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 5 p.m.
August 26, 2020	From the pool of qualified applicants, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors will post the names of the 60 most qualified applicants. The names will be posted online for at least 30 days.
October 13, 2020	The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors will conduct a random drawing of the qualified applicants at the Board of Supervisors meeting to select eight Commissioners.
October 22 and November 5, 2020	The selected eight Commissioners will meet to choose the remaining six Commissioners from the remaining pool of qualified applicants.

Important Things to Know

- The questions in this application ensure you are eligible to serve on the Commission.
- Answer the questions to the best of your ability.

A. Tell us About Yourself

First Name: Arvid Last Name: Larson

Address (where you are registered to vote)

Street Address: [REDACTED]
City: [REDACTED]
State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]

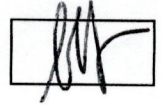
Mailing Address (if different than the address listed above)

Street Address: [REDACTED]
City: [REDACTED]
State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Contact Information

Phone 1: [REDACTED] Type: Home/Office
Phone 2: [REDACTED] Type: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

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B. How This Application Will Be Used

I understand the contents of this application may be made available to the public.

☒ 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

C. Questions to Determine Eligibility

Government Code section 21550 sets forth certain qualifications to serve on this Commission. Please check the appropriate box for each question. Applicants may be asked to verify and update information at various points in the process.

1. Are you a resident of the County of San Diego? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Which supervisorial district do you live in?
If you're not sure, visit www.sandiegocounty.gov, click on "Find My District" under the Board of Supervisors, and enter your address in the top right of the web page.
☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☒ 4
☐ 5
3. Which political party are you currently registered?
☒ Democratic ☐ Republican ☐ American Independent ☐ Green ☐ Libertarian
☐ Peace and Freedom ☐ Other: _____
☐ I am not registered with a political party (non-partisan)
4. Have you been continuously registered to vote in the County of San Diego with the same political party preference or with no political party preference and have not changed your political party preference for at least five years?
If you're not sure, you can check your voter registration at www.sdvote.com.
☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Have you voted in at least one of the last three statewide elections immediately preceding your application to be a member of the Commission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanatory Notes: If necessary, you may further explain answers to the questions above.

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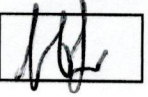
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6. Within the 10 years immediately preceding the date of this application to the Commission, have either you, or an immediate family member, done any of the following? For purposes of these questions, immediate family members means a spouse, child, in-law, parent, or sibling.

You are not eligible to serve on the Commission if you answer "Yes" to any of the following:

- a. Been appointed to, elected to, or have been a candidate for office at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of San Diego, including as a member of the Board of Supervisors. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b. Served as an employee of, or paid consultant for, an elected representative at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of San Diego. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- c. Served as an employee of, or paid consultant for, a candidate for office at the local, state, or federal level representing the County of San Diego. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. 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
- e. Been a registered federal, state, or local lobbyist ☐ Yes ☒ No

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D. Experience Qualifications

State law requires candidates demonstrate experience in areas related to redistricting. Please provide responses to the following questions.

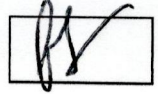
1. What experience do you possess that demonstrates analytical skills relevant to the redistricting process and voting rights, and demonstrates your ability to comprehend and apply the applicable state and federal legal requirements?

Dr. Arvid Larson, a 20+ year resident of San Diego, received a BS in Electrical Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, and a MS and PhD in Electrical Engineering, with a minor in Computer Science, from Stanford University. Following initial service in the U.S. Navy I have had a professional career in information systems and applied computer technology. This career has included technical and management positions within several leading information systems firms and participation in the formation of two engineering/R&D small businesses as well as heading a information systems consulting practice. Throughout this career I have applied and successfully demonstrated analytic skills in design and development of government information systems that are relevant to those required in direct application of redistricting processes.

I was honored to serve as a member of the 2012-2013 San Diego County Grand Jury and over the period of that year received multiple briefings on government processes given to the Grand Jury by senior local government officials including several County Supervisors and the San Diego County Registrar of Voters. These briefings and related Grand Jury tours included much background and in-depth exposure to County election procedures, the many election districts, and applicable state and federal legal requirements underlying these processes.

This educational background and professional experience serves to demonstrate my ability to comprehend and apply appropriate analytic skills necessary to understand and evaluate relevant redistricting issues, the legal basis for required redistricting, and the application and use of government and commercial information systems to this end.

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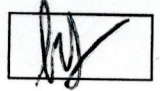


2. What experience do you possess that demonstrates an ability to be impartial?

As a member of the 2012-2013 San Diego County Grand Jury, I was appointed leader of the Public Works Committee and served as the author or coauthor of six Grand Jury reports (all available on the Grand Jury website). On a variety of issues involving San Diego County, its many cities, and numerous organizational districts my committee and I conducted investigations, interviewed witnesses, made facility visits, analyzed data, documented findings, and developed recommendations to appropriate government entities. All of these activities were performed in a totally impartial and non-partisan manner. At the conclusion of the Grand Jury term, these activities were noted and said to be of the highest Grand Jury standard of thoughtfulness and integrity by the Chief Judge of the San Diego County Superior Court.

Throughout this career in development and analysis of government information systems at both the federal and local level, I believe I have consistently demonstrated an unwavering ability to honestly and impartially apply relevant principles to my professional conduct and analyses. My service on the County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission would continue this unblemished path.

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3. What experience do you possess that demonstrates an appreciation for the diverse demographics and geography of the County of San Diego?

As a 20+ year resident and advocate of San Diego County, I have studied, toured, and gotten to personally experience the unique and fascinating character of County demographics, geography, personalities, and political issues. My personal curiosity and attempts to better appreciate the many facets and diversity of the County environment have led my wife and I to visit and explore nearly all parts of the County, north county to the Mexican border, east county to the ocean. I have had and continue to have many experiences to this end. I feel I have a deep and relatively up-to-date appreciation of the diverse demographics and geography of the County.

My service on the County Grand Jury over the course of a year provided many information gathering visits to local government facilities throughout the County. In addition, over the years my many meetings and information exchanges with local government officials have added to and reinforced my understandings. I have also participated as a trustee of the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation supporting our County's only National Park, including service as the Foundation's president and Board chair. One role of our Foundation was to assist publicizing the Cabrillo Monument on Point Loma to attract County visitors as well as to provide outreach and Monument tours to County schoolchildren. These experiences have considerably added to my understanding of diverse County demographics and unique sensitivities.

I have also been involved in understanding, addressing, and contributing to ongoing neighborhood issues both in my home district of Pacific Beach as well as many other County locales. I have gotten to know the people, leadership, and background motivators that drive these issues and competing interests. The many facets of the redistricting processes are interlinked with these often competing neighborhood issues. I believe I have the knowledge, background, and appreciation to faithfully serve on the Independent Redistricting Commission.

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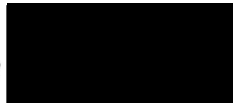
E. Demographic Information

Providing this information is optional. You may select "decline to state" for each answer. Elections Code section 21550(g)(2) requires six of the 14 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, and gender diversity. However, formulas or specific ratios shall not be applied for this purpose.

1. 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.
- ☐ Prefer to Self-Describe: _____
- ☐ Decline to state

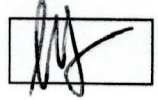
2. What is your date of birth?



☐ Decline to state

3. Select the gender you identify as:

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



F. Signature

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

First Name: Arvid Last Name: Larson
Signature: _____ Date: 05/24/2020

G. Submittal

Completed applications must be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than Friday, July 31, 2020 at 5 p.m. Double check your answers in the application; once submitted, applications cannot be amended. Remember that you must answer all questions on this application to be considered for the Commission. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Option 1: Mail or drop off the signed paper copy of your completed application to:

County of San Diego
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Redistricting Commission
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 402
San Diego, CA 92101-2471
(619) 531-5434

Postmarks are not accepted. Applications must be received by the Clerk of the Board by the due date.

Option 2: E-mail your completed application.

Ensure the application is signed, then e-mail the application to:
redistricting@sdcounty.ca.gov.

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