

# 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.

Rita

First Name

Loughrin-Sacco

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](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/redistricting) or [redistricting@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto: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

<b>July 31, 2020</b>	Applications must be received by the San Diego County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 5 p.m.
<b>August 26, 2020</b>	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.
<b>October 13, 2020</b>	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.
<b>October 22 and November 5, 2020</b>	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: Rita Last Name: Loughrin-Sacco

### 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:

City:

State:  Zip Code:

### Contact Information

Phone 1: [REDACTED] Type: Cell

Phone 2:  Type:

E-mail: [REDACTED]

## 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](http://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](http://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.

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?**

In my experiences in earning a chemical engineering degree and as a chemical engineer honed my analytical skills, a hallmark of an engineer. In later years, in my role as a high school chemistry, physics and engineering teacher, I have taught the importance and practice of analyzing data to my students.

I find many times, when people are faced with a problem, they first may leap to a solution without clearly defining the problem. THEN they will define the problem often in terms of the solution they provided initially. In their eagerness to address issues, people may not even realize they have provided a solution before clearly defining the problem, gathering parameters and data, analyzing data and then coming up with a solution to be tested. Following the step by step definition and then the solution of a problem is vital in addressing issues related to the law and people ' s rights.

Through my service on several governing boards of non-profits, I have had experience in comprehending and applying the local, state and federal legal requirements. Whether it was working with state and federal grant agencies as a member of the Board of Director of the Barbara Kettle Shelter for Abused Women, or complying with local building and zoning regulators as a member of church councils or successfully meeting budget and educational regulations as a School Board member for SET High in the San Diego Unified School District, I understand the vital nature of comprehending and meeting legal requirements.

You are encouraged to limit your response to one page, however if more space is needed, you may attach an additional page.

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

Impartiality is not only a key in science but was a vital part of my upbringing. My father was a highly regarded Probate Judge in Michigan and would stress the importance of respecting all people, regardless of viewpoint, wealth, age, gender, religion, ethnicity.

To be effective as a high school teacher of math and science, I need to continue the respect and impartiality needed to reach all students, encouraging them to do their best regardless of how much they may not value science, my teaching style or my viewpoint.

I am often asked to serve in situations which need impartiality: as a assessor of people getting ready to move from one position to another in my church work; as an evaluator of various classrooms, students or activities in secondary education. I was on a non-partisan school board and have been asked to provide perspective in both professional and non-professional situations since others believe me to be able to gather several reviews and not rush to judgement.

In my work as a adjunct college professor and in my years of service on boards of catechetical ministry, I evaluated people, listened to various problems and helped provide solutions that others valued as impartial.

My political party selection of "no party" also echos my belief in evaluating candidates, proposals and other governance in an impartial manner.

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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?**

My experiences as a teacher in environments ranging from a charter high school in San Diego, to the Juvenile Court and Community Schools at Camp Barrett and to a small private school in Normal Heights have helped me appreciate and opened my eyes to the diversity of our County. By interacting with youth and their families and guardians I am amazed by the similarities and unique needs throughout San Diego County.

I am familiar with East County, living in Alpine and with other areas in San Diego County. I have friends in various areas of the county: Hillcrest, Chula Vista, University City, University Heights, Bonita, National City who have made me a part of their home and shown me the delights (and concerns) of their neighborhoods.

My experiences in 4-H, the Diocese of San Diego, with the Middle Eastern Community and in Education also have helped me appreciate our County's diversity.

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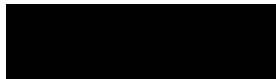
## E. Demographic Information

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: Rita Last Name: Loughrin-Sacco

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 07/31/2020

## G. Submittal

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Signature: 

Date: 8-7-26

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