

# 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.

Mary  
First Name  
McKenzie  
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.

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### 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: Mary Last Name: McKenzie

#### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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  
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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.

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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?**

I have a Ph.D. in political science from U.C. Santa Barbara (1994) and a J.D. from the University of San Diego (2007), and I have been teaching political science at the University level since the early 1990s. As a graduate student, I studied American government, state government and quantitative methods (along with my other specialty of international relations). As a law student, I studied constitutional law, civil procedure and administrative law. As a teacher, I have taught the gamut--at Grossmont College and at the University of San Diego--including Intro to Political Science, American Government, California Government, Political Theory, and Human Rights. I continue to teach at USD.

My lengthy experience as a political scientist have given me the desire and ability to understand and explain what the law says and apply it to our situation today.

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?**

When I began teaching at Grossmont College I was assigned American Government, one of the general education "bread and butter courses." Grossmont's student body was very diverse, and I was determined not to show my political colors or to judge my students' views. That was very important to me, and according to my evaluations, I succeeded in being politically impartial. My goal of allowing students to make up their own minds continues at USD.

I am a member of the League of Women Voters and served as president of the United Nations Association of San Diego, both nonpartisan organizations. More recently, I served on the Board of the Hillcrest Town Council (I'm still a member, but not on the Board) which works quite hard at being politically impartial. We have always tried to be politically impartial, recognizing that even Hillcrest has a multitude of political opinions.

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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?**

I have lived in San Diego since 1994. I admit that I continue to explore and am still learning about our County while it is changing. As a native Nebraskan, I was unfamiliar with community college, so teaching at Grossmont and getting to know the students there opened my eyes to the varied needs of the people of San Diego County.

Currently, I follow politics, including the issues of development both in the City and in the less-populated northern and eastern areas of the County. I am also the newsletter editor for the San Diego Network of Town Councils which keeps me apprised of the issues facing many of the neighborhoods in the County.

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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:**

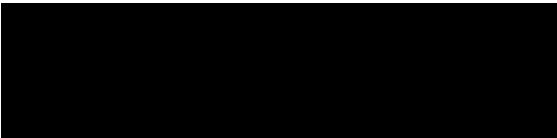
- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Decline to state



### 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: Mary Last Name: McKenzie

Signature:  Date: 07/09/2020

### 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](mailto:redistricting@sdcounty.ca.gov).

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