

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.

JOHN

First Name

RUSS

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.

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Print clearly and legibly or type your application. Doing so will speed up processing time. Unclear handwriting may cause delays.

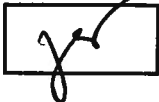
Don't know if you're eligible to serve on the County's Redistricting Commission? Among other requirements, you must be a registered voter in San Diego County to serve on the Commission. See page 3 for more details.

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.

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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: JOHN Last Name: RUSS

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: _____

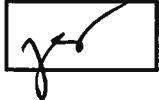
State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Information

Phone 1: [REDACTED] Type: CELL

Phone 2: [REDACTED] Type: OFFICE

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
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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. 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

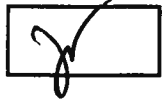
Explanatory Notes: If necessary, you may further explain answers to the questions above.

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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.

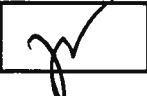
- 1. What experience do you possess that demonstrates analytical skills relevant to the redistricting process and voting rights, and demonstrates your ability to comprehend and apply the applicable state and federal legal requirements?**

For over 30 years, while employed in the energy sector of the economy, I was adjunct professor of economics at San Diego State University. Courses taught included: Macro- and Micro-Economics, Probability and Statistics, Money and Banking, Financial Markets and the Economics of Energy Resources. Additionally, I served over 30 years as Board Treasure of a \$2 billion state chartered credit union.

I have lectured in class about the demongraphic underpinnings which have important implications for social, economic and political planning. These data are useful to anticipate changes in municipal services, establish voting district boundaries, estimating future tax revenue and allocating scarce resources where they may be most needed.

As an engineer-economist, I have worked in both the public and private sectors analyzing the effects of state and federal regulations upon constrained resources. (Please see attached functional resume).

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

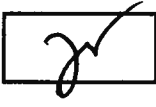
As a Naval officer, I swore an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States. I am still bound by that oath.

I have been called upon numerous times as an expert witness before regulatory agencies, as well as in civil and criminal courts. I am known for my knowledge, truthfulness and forthrightness.

I have enjoyed the study and teaching of economics. Often I told my students that a free market does not care if you are black, white, brown, yellow or blue; it cares about one color -- green. But it also cares about efficiency.

I am a "truth seeker" and do not subscribe blindly to any ideology. On those occasions when I am presented with new data/facts and find that I may have been mistaken on an issue, I change my mind.

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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 diversity. This is not just some academic exercise for me.

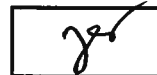
Raised by an immigrant, single mother in Southeast Washington, D.C. (on the East side of the Anacostia River), I lived diversity. Four out of the five of my most influential teachers in high school were black. Many people may say that they have friends of different races, religion or ethnicity. In my home, we have those friends, too; however, they are more than just acquaintances. They have had their "feet under my table" and I under theirs. They have been guests in my home and I in theirs.

Within one generation of my family there are: Christian believers (of which I am one), Jews, agnostics, African-American and gay. These are people I love. I know the strengths of diversity -- and it's weaknesses.

Just as in an investment portfolio where diversification of assets can provide a lower risk-to-return ratio, diversification of people and their skill sets can be beneficial to society. It is rare for anyone to possess high expertise in more than one field. Problems we face are not presented in silos but are diverse across many disciplines. Therefore, a diverse demographic can be most beneficial in solving diverse problems.

Aristotle writes that the architect does not know how to lay brick as well as the bricklayer, but he knows how to direct the bricklayer toward the completion of the building. Each has a comparative advantage; and, just as individuals can have comparative advantages, so can different locales.

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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.

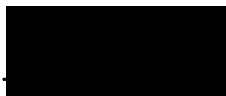
1. Please describe your ethnic origin. Mark one or more boxes.

- 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: American

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: JOHN Last Name: RUSS

Signature:  Date: 05/28/2020

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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Jack Russ, Vice President and Chief Engineer-Economist of PARGEN LLC, has over thirty years of experience in the power and energy industry in both the public and private sectors.

Mr. Russ has worked for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDGE), formulating strategies for the procurement of fuel and electric energy. He was Power Operations Manager for the Marubeni International Energy Company (MIECO), setting up and managing the electric power trading desk and coordinating physical power deliveries.



As an independent consultant, Mr. Russ has provided economic rationale and financial modeling expertise to independent power producers (IPP), qualified facilities (QF) and energy service providers (ESP) for the negotiation of power sales agreements and fuel purchase contracts; provided expert witness testimony before the California Energy Commission (CEC), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Superior Court, County of Orange, California and U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida.

As the Chief Engineer-Economist for an electric utility consortium, he oversaw and coordinated the activities of alternative energy program participants under U.S. Department of Energy and the Electric Power Research Institute auspices for geothermal, ocean thermal, nuclear and distributed generation projects. Several of his papers on the economics of second generation high-temperature nuclear generation reactors have been presented and published in the IEEE Proceedings.

Additionally, Professor Russ is a retired faculty member of the Department of Economics at San Diego State University. He has been a guest lecturer on Energy Economics and Policy at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY. He was recently appointed to the Center of Energy Research Advisory Committee at the University of California San Diego.

Jack Russ is a Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer (M18855) with an engineering degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Masters in Business Administration (Finance) from the University of West Florida. Further postgraduate work has been done in Public Policy and Economics at San Diego State University and the Naval War College, Newport, RI.

Lieutenant Commander Russ is a retired Naval Reserve officer having served in aviation, engineering and executive officer billets. He is a Vietnam Veteran.

