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.

Jessi
_____
First Name

Brown
_____
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: **Jessi**　　　　　Last Name: **Brown**

Address (where you are registered to vote)

Street Address: ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮

City: ▮▮▮▮

State: ▮▮▮　　　　Zip Code: ▮▮▮

Mailing Address (if different than the address listed above)

Street Address:

City:

State:　　　　Zip Code:

Contact Information

Phone 1: ▮▮▮▮　　　　Type: **Mobile**

Phone 2: ▮▮▮▮　　　　Type: **Work**

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, 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.

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

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

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 am a high school Government teacher who is very passionate about voting rights and fighting against unfair practices that cause groups to be disenfranchised. I teach a unit on redistricting in my Government class in which we discuss how packing and cracking are used to accomplish partisan, pro-incumbent, or racial gerrymandering.

   I possess strong analytical skills relevant to the redistricting process and voting rights. I love researching issues and learning more about their history and impact. I have to use problem solving skills every day and test new ideas and solutions, both in the classroom and in everyday life as an engaged citizen. I am good at identifying cause and effect relationships and understand the difference between correlation and causation.

   As a Government and Economics teacher, I spend a lot of time helping students understand the Constitution and laws. I am also a volunteer staff member of the YMCA's Youth and Government court program in which I train students to put on a mock trial with a jury. Additionally, I have a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from UC Davis. Given all of these experiences, I feel confident that I could comprehend and apply the applicable state and federal legal requirements relevant to redistricting.

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?**

As a Government teacher, I strive to be as impartial as possible. In order to promote respect amongst students with varying viewpoints and life experiences, I have to be an impartial moderator. My goal is to encourage the students to make well-supported arguments for their positions by asking questions in a Socratic manner. By helping students to explore complex ideas and think analytically, they are able to uncover assumptions and evaluate their own presumptions. This process requires a lot of restraint on my part at times, but it helps students grow as learners. It helps me grow as well by giving me a better understanding of new or contrary perspectives which force me to confront any implicit biases I might have. It also makes me more aware of cultural and generational experiences and differences.

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

I am a native San Diegan. I have lived in Chula Vista, Encinitas, La Mesa, Normal Heights and North Park. My parents have lived in Escondido for 17 years. My grandmother lived in City Heights for 30 years. I also have family in Imperial Beach and Temecula. Needless to say, I spend time in all parts of the County with my ethnically diverse family members and friends.

I also have volunteered with organizations all over the County that have put me in contact with groups of different socio-economic backgrounds. I have been an advisor with the YMCA's Youth and Government program for the better part of 20 years, during which time I have led delegations in Encinitas and La Mesa with students from cities from all over San Diego. I have also volunteered with the Community Resource Center holiday baskets program which helps 7,000 people from across the county, including children and seniors. Additionally, I regularly volunteer with food banks and organizations that help homeless veterans.

In my Government class, my students identify which districts they live in-Congressional as well as their State Assembly and Senate districts. We look at voting patterns and discuss how demographics affect the votes in those districts. We also talk about how geography might influence where people live and work.

All of these experiences combined have helped me to appreciate the diverse demographics and geography of the County of San Diego.

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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
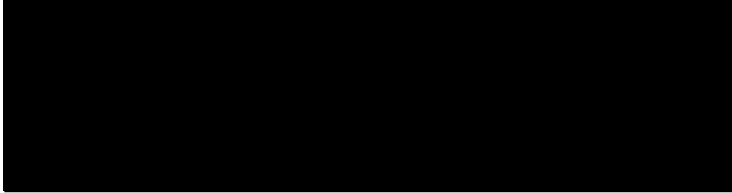   - ☐ Male
   - ☐ Non-binary

   - ☐ 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: **Jessi**   Last Name: **Brown**

Signature: ███████████████████████   Date: **07/08/2020**

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