

# 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.

Marian

First Name

Aste

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

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- 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

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- 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

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First Name: Marian Last Name: Aste

#### 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?  1  
*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.*  2  
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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?  Yes  No  
*If you're not sure, you can check your voter registration at [www.sdvote.com](http://www.sdvote.com).*
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?**

In my role as a Teacher Educator at San Diego State University, I am part of a team that coordinates memorandae of Agreement with school districts throughout the county. This requires an understanding of the layers of issues related to language groups, Socio-economic concerns, transportation, public services including public libraries, sports facilities and community safety agencies (law enforcement). In the process I am called upon to understand research perspectives on sampling, validity and reliability. I am also active in Advisory committees to the Superintendents of the County Schools and the San Diego Unified School District. The legal landscape in education is complex and evolving and I have been active in the California Teachers' Association and the California Faculty Associations with legislative monitoring at the School Board and State levels.

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?**

My first job in San Diego was for the Serra Regional Library System which served the public libraries throughout San Diego and Imperial County. This was a great introduction to the many cultural perspectives, needs and issues in the urban and rural regions in the County.

My Master's degree is in Community Based Counseling. Therefore my communication approach makes listening the key skill in all my interactions. I worked for County Mental Health's CRISIS line from 1980 to 1993 and their team in Service to Homelessness in San Diego until 1994. In so doing I became very familiar the mental health, medical, food, shelter, and other social services and what has become the 2-1-1 resource as a help in getting services, emergency and chronic to the citizens who need it when they need it.

I also have volunteered with the San Diego Mediation Center where I facilitated conflict resolution between neighbors, family members, customers and retailers and others. Again listening and facilitating communication are my focus. I also volunteer with the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) as a support group facilitator. Although I wouldn't claim to be bilingual, I do have a conversational level of Spanish proficiency. In my work at San Diego State University's Student Disability Services, I have learned that there are many ways to be human and many perspectives to be open to.

In my wish to facilitate understanding among peoples, I have lead study abroad groups to Guatemala and Spain for undergraduates. More than the information the students learn, I am always attentive to the emotional effects that are brought up by spending a week together with, in many cases, strangers. We are careful to build a trusting learning community for the students. The feedback has been gratifying.

Another volunteer activity I have been performing for the last 10 plus years has been Audio Describing plays at the La Jolla Playhouse so that blind people can enjoy plays that have visual elements that are key to the story. This has allowed/forced me to put my mind in the place of a blind person experiencing theater in a way that I wouldn't have thought of. I am enriched by it and, I believe, the blind patrons can benefit from my participation.

I don't think "impartial" means to ignore the perspectives to be taken into account, I think it means to listen and grasp the complexities of living in a community that has many ways of living together and building a trust that there is a common good in listening to one another and compromising in ways that comes the closest to a fair resolution.

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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 believe my experience working with the County Library, the CRISIS Team of the County's Mental Health Services and the Homeless Team in Southeast San Diego, and my work in Teacher preparation throughout the school districts in San Diego County have allowed me to enjoy the rich mosaic of San Diego County's continuing evolution in diversity. My grasp of Spanish as an additional language, my work in the cultural, linguistic, (dis)ability, arts and historical communities including military, incarcerated, undocumented, gender non-conforming, retirement and other age specific groups, community oriented schools and my civic engagement on behalf of underserved constituents of the County position me to offer a voice in Redistricting that might otherwise be overlooked.

I would like to think my work with aspiring teachers in teaching the prerequisite course designed to prepare them for the many backgrounds their future students in California's public schools is highly relevant. My assumption has been, since 1991 and still, that we all have assumptions and biases about ourselves and one another that shape our reactions to interpretations of one another. These are often unknown to us because they're so pervasive that they have gone unquestioned for most of our lives. Recently they have been recognized as "Unconscious Biases." I have actively participated in the Social Justice efforts in the California Faculty Association to bring about greater anti-racism in the hiring and promotion of CSU (California State University) faculty and greater respect for the faculty and students from underrepresented groups on campus. We have supported the current efforts to require Ethnic Studies in the TK-12 Schools as well as in higher education Community Colleges and Universities.

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### E. Demographic Information

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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: Marian Last Name: Aste  
Signature:  Date: 07/01/2020

**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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