

# 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.

Carl

First Name

Luna

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

- 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: Carl Last Name: Luna

#### 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: Home

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.



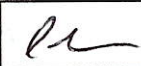
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6. Within the 10 years immediately preceding the date of this application to the Commission, have either you, or an immediate family member, done any of the following? For purposes of these questions, immediate family members means a spouse, child, 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?**

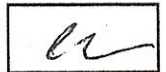
I have skills, qualifications and life experiences that will directly assist the CSDIRC in successfully completing its assigned tasks. These include analytical and statistical skills, area expertise, administrative experience, an ability to clearly comprehend and articulate complex concepts and demonstrated skills at consensus building that come from three decades of working with people from diverse communities to achieve common goals.

I have a Ph.D. in Political Science (American University, 1988) with comprehensive areas of Political Theory, Comparative Politics and Quantitative Methodologies. I have 30 years teaching empirical research design to undergraduate and graduate students. My teaching, researching and writing about American, Californian and San Diego politics and government also provides me a strong understanding of the literature and practices (both best and worst) of redistricting in historical and contemporary context. I am fully cognizant of the prevailing and controlling constitutional provisions, statutory laws and judicial precedents as applied to voting and redistricting, having taught and written about them for many years. I understand the genesis and evolution of the Voting Rights Act and the impact of subsequent legislative revisions and judicial decisions such as Baker v. Carr and Shaw v. Hunt upon its implementation. I am well versed in contemporary legislation and current case law emerging from state and federal courts on gerrymandering and redistricting.

I have significant experience in educational and institutional leadership effectively working with diverse constituencies to resolve major issues, always under significant budgetary and time restraints. I have ample experience in translating government statute and code into practical policy. I understand the importance of team building and establishing effective processes to set priorities for an organization and have practical, successful experience in program administration, staff recruitment and motivation, resources allocation and the develop of time tables necessary to achieving organizational goals. I am a recognized expert in communicating complex ideas in accessible ways to audiences of every level of educational and demographic backgrounds (for which I was recognized as one of the top 5 community college professors in America by the Association of Community College Trustees). My recognized regional and national reputation as a non-partisan political analyst speaking to diverse audiences across partisan lines will allow me to pursue and communicate the mission of the CSDIRC.

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?**

I earn my daily bread predominantly teaching courses in political science to undergraduate college students. Some in my field see their role as that of proselytizer and prophet. I never had. I believe it is my job to, as effectively as I can, present the various facts, theories and contending viewpoints that make up my discipline to students from a diverse range of backgrounds and traditions, all of whom are only beginning to assemble themselves as political beings. One of the highest compliments I am routinely paid by my students and my colleagues is that, after all these years, they are not sure just where my partisan loyalties lie. (For the record, they lie with the common good.)

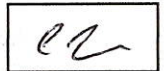
A professional preference for impartiality has guided me in my role as a regionally and nationally recognized non-partisan political analyst. I've given almost two thousand interviews on politics to local, national and international media, speaking to audience across the political divide by focusing on truth and facts, not emotion and partisan loyalty. I've been a commentator for our local public radio and television station KPBS (with a strongly liberal leaning audience) for over 20 years and am the political analyst for our local Fox affiliate (with a very conservative audience) for the past 6 years. If I can appeal to both these audiences saying the same things I know I'm speaking more to truth than partisanship. I have been asked by a wide diversity of social and political groups in San Diego to moderate political panels and debates based on my reputation as an articulate and impartial speaker.

It was my privilege and honor to cofound and work with the Rev. George Walker Smith for almost a decade on the community initiative Restoring Respect which has endeavored, through annual conferences and community engagement events, to bridge divides and bring communities together for common purpose. As director of the University of San Diego's/San Diego Community College District's Institute for Civil Civic Engagement I have had the honor of working with community leaders from around San Diego to develop our region's social infrastructure to engage in balanced, fact-based civil dialogue and working to bridge partisan divides.

I was trained in empirical quantitative political science and, while values are ultimately inseparable for the making of informed, qualitative decisions, I know how to look at a data set and see it for what the data says and not for what a preformed opinion says it should say. In the classroom that means I impartially evaluate the performance of students from across the demographic spectrum. In public life it means I can take positions based on as objective a measure of the public good as I can assess in the given situation. I will work passionately and impartially for the collective good as a member of the CSDIRC.

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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 a great appreciation for—and a love of—the unique geographical and social entity that is San Diego County. I've lived in San Diego County (with the exception of 4 years spent in Washington, D.C. getting my doctorate in Political Science and 1 year teaching in Russia as a Fulbright Senior Scholar) for most of the past 47 years. I went to school here, work here, met my wife and raised 4 daughters in here. It has been my good fortune in life to call San Diego, one of the most dynamic diverse regions of the country and the world, my home. My professional life has been spent trying to make San Diego a better home for all its residents.

My professional life has given me opportunities to meet and work with people from all communities that constitute San Diego county. I've taught and worked with students of every background from every part of the region. As director of our Institute for Civil Civic Engagement I've worked with organizations and communities across the region. I've had the opportunity to dialogue with people across the county in forums and events and through my political commentaries and interviews that have appeared in all of the County's media outlets. I've successfully worked with San Diego economic, political, non-profit and thought leaders across the political and demographic spectrum. Through this all I've pursued one overarching goal – to work to bring together people in a region rich in diversity yet rife with potential division to achieve the higher public good. I am keenly aware of the major fault lines in San Diego County's social and political map. The self-sorting of our population into like-minded communities producing geographic and socio-economic divisions continues to divide us. San Diego south of I-8 is different than San Diego north of Miramar Road. San Diego east of Grossmont is different than San Diego west of I-5. At the same time San Diego County provides successful examples of people transcending their geographical, political, cultural, ethnic and social divisions to form a greater community in a nation built upon such transcendence.

I understand that for a representational democracy to function representatives must actually be representative of the peoples they represent. The purpose of the CSDIRC is to create an electoral framework that can allow the election of a county government that represents our residents across partisan, cultural, ethnic, economic, gender and sexual orientation diversity. The CSDIRC must work to advance an electoral systems that encourage all San Diegans to participate, cooperate and build consensus that benefits all members of our County community. My experience would help the CSDIRC to achieve this mandate.

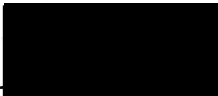
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## E. Demographic Information

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

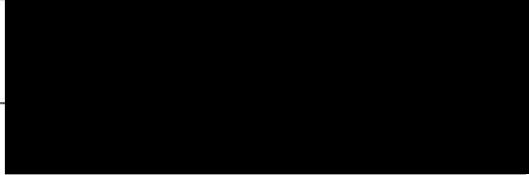
**3. Select the gender you identify as:**

- 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: Carl Last Name: Luna  
Signature:  Date: 07/21/2020

## 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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