

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.

Thomas R. I
First Name

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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: Thomas R Last Name: TOMELIUS

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: [REDACTED]
City: [REDACTED]
State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Contact Information

Phone 1: [REDACTED] Type: Home
Phone 2: [REDACTED] Type: MOBILE
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?
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
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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

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?**

See Attached Work Doc

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?

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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?

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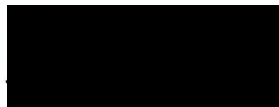
E. Demographic Information

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: Thomas R. Last Name: Tomkowiak
Signature:  Date: 7/30/2020 ^{TRT}

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:

Applications must be received by Friday, July 31, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

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Response to Section D. Experience and Qualifications

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 retired from the cable television industry as vice president and general manager. In that capacity, I was responsible for all the financial, budgetary, human resources, promotional and compliances with federal, state and local regulations for my systems.

My successful advancement in this industry required the analytical skills to combine regulatory oversight with customer care and our company's needs. Over the thirty years in the cable and telecommunications industries, I have read, understood and complied with rules and laws from many regulatory agencies.

During my tenure as VP/GM in San Diego County, the cable industry was federally reregulated and I was required to know and understand the new law and how it would affect state laws and local franchise requirements. While complying with federal law, I had to ensure we maintained the law and spirit of the needs of our customers and local regulators. We were successful.

I have read the state rules on redistricting to the extent that I understand that it was established to be a non-partisan process decided upon by citizens following state guidelines. Additionally, I understand the purpose was to create fair and equitable voting districts for all Californians. I agree wholeheartedly.

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

As the general manager for up to 400 employees, our company's success rested upon the work of our associates. In order to obtain that needed effort, they had to trust our company and my judgment. To earn that trust, I had to be fair and understand their concerns and balance them with customer care and company objectives.

We had an open door policy at my offices where I ultimately arbitrated disputes and counseled concerns. Our success as a company depended on the team trust. We had many successes. (These can be provided upon request.) My willingness to listen and learn, was a great benefit to me, our staffs and our goals. Teamwork is impartial.

In Riverside, I served on the mayor's Education Advisory Committee. We were diverse in politics, experiences and religions but united in the goal of attracting students to local colleges and post secondary education venues. The good of the students and the community were our main objective.

It is difficult, at times, to avoid predispositions. However, placing beneficial goals ahead of feelings overcomes most partialities.

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

Our proximity to Mexico and our International Airport and Pacific Rim businesses creates wonderful opportunities for us to enjoy as well as 'appreciate' diverse demographics. My spouse and I have two foreign born daughters. We adopted them at the ages of six and eight and learned to incorporate their culture into our family. One of them has married a man from yet another foreign nation and we are again learning to mesh his culture with ours. With grandchildren, we truly are a multi-racial and multi-cultural family.

Over the years I have served on the Board of Directors of many charitable and community focused organizations. As a director on a North County YMCA board, we served a broad spectrum of young people and adults. I was also a director on the San Diego Blood Bank during the year when HIV was concern. Blood is universal.

in the US Army in Vietnam, I worked alongside fellow soldiers of different races and many ethnicities. In addition, I assisted in our efforts to work with the Vietnamese providing, medical and education assistance. In my first years after college, I taught high school and worked in a poverty program – Upward Bound.

For the last four years I have volunteered at a food bank in Vista. We provide food for the hungry of all races, ethnicities and backgrounds. Hunger and poverty affect all. (We are currently on a corona virus break, but my intentions are to again volunteer when they reopen.)