

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Application

## Voter registration

Are you currently registered, or will you be registered by August 15, 2020? YES

## You are not eligible to serve on the Commission if you answer "Yes" to any of the following:

- (1) I am now, or have been at any time since August 15, 2014,
- (a) A declared candidate for partisan election office in federal, state, or local office. NO
  - (b) An elected official to partisan federal, state, or local office. NO
  - (c) An officer or member of the governing body of a national, state, or local political party. NO
  - (d) A paid consultant or employee of a federal, state, or local elected official or political candidate, campaign, or political action committee. NO
  - (e) An employee of the legislature. NO
  - (f) A lobbyist agent registered with the Michigan Bureau of Elections. NO
  - (g) An employee of a lobbyist registered with the Michigan Bureau of Elections. NO
  - (h) An unclassified state employee pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution  
*Note: If you are an employee of courts of record, employee of the state institutions of higher education, or person in the armed forces of the state, you are still eligible to serve on the Commission. You should answer "No" to this prompt.* NO
- (2) I am a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, or spouse of a person to whom sections (a) through (h), above, would apply. NO
- (3) I am disqualified for appointed or elected office in Michigan. NO

## How this application will be used

I understand that if randomly selected as one of 200 semi-finalists, the contents of this application (except my street address, email, and phone number) will be made available to the public. YES, I Understand

I understand that while this application is a public document, my email and phone number will be kept confidential to the extent authorized by law. YES, I Understand

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## Indicate whether you agree to the following conditions if you're appointed to the Commission:

- (a) If selected to serve on the Commission, you will not be eligible to hold a partisan elective office at the state, county, city, village, or township level in Michigan for five (5) years. Do you understand that by serving on the Commission you are ineligible to hold these elected offices for five (5) years after you are selected to the Commission? YES
- (b) Serving on the Commission will require a time commitment of more than one year, including periods of both part-time and full-time work (approximately 10 – 40+ hours per week). The Commission must conduct open meetings. Most commissioners (at least 9 of 13) must be present at each meeting. Are you able to dedicate the necessary time to fulfill your duties as commissioner in addition to your other personal and work obligations? YES  
*Note: Like jury duty, your employer cannot fire you for serving on this commission.*
- (c) Each commissioner will receive compensation. The amount is set by law at approximately \$40,000. With this financial expectation in mind, will you be able to serve on the Commission? YES
- (d) Being a commissioner also requires travel to at least 15 public hearings across Michigan. With travel expectations in mind, will you be able to serve on the Commission? YES
- (e) The Michigan Constitution states, "Each commissioner shall perform his or her duties in a manner that is impartial and reinforces public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process." If selected, are you able to conduct yourself accordingly? YES
- (f) The Constitution specifies redistricting maps adopted by the Commission must receive a majority vote, and support from at least two commissioners of each political party affiliation (Democratic, Republican, and unaffiliated). If selected, do you believe you will be able to collaborate with fellow commissioners to reach consensus? YES

## Political Affiliation

I affiliate with the Democratic Party.

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## Applicant Information

**Name**

Claire (M.) Hollis Forster

**Date of Birth (MM/YYYY)**

08/1976

**Race**

White

**Sex**

Female

**Residential Address**

[REDACTED]

Harbor Springs MI 49740

**Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

NO

**Mailing Address (if applicable)**

[REDACTED]

**Contact Information**

[REDACTED]

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## **Why do you want to serve on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission?**

I would like to promote fairness, civility, open dialogue, and less extremism in politics. Our future as a civilization depends upon us moving away from the polarizing and inflammatory rhetoric that is used against those with opposing viewpoints these days. I would also love to have the opportunity to demonstrate that even though I am passionate about the issues of the day, I can truly listen to the opposition's point of view and seek common understanding and values.

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### **Describe why or how you affiliate with either the Democratic Party, Republican Party, or why you don't affiliate with either.**

I actually like to think of myself as an independent, but there is no denying that I affiliate with the democratic party these days. I support many more of the policies that democrats are trying to advance, and have assisted with democratic campaigns since Obama ran for office (small financial contributions to democratic candidates over the years; door knocking in Ohio and serving as a poll-watcher in Indiana as part of Obama's 1st presidential campaign; door-knocking for a friend running for County Commissioner as a Dem, etc.).

I did love John McCain though. Unfortunate pick for his running mate, or that might have been a tough decision. And, I am pretty sure I voted for Bob Dole back when I was in college, but that may have been the last time I supported a Republican candidate. (What the heck happened to fiscal responsibility? At least the GOP had a leg to stand on back then!)

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This page must be notarized. Here's how you can do it:



**Step 1:** Print this application and take it to a notary. You can find a notary offering this service for free at [RedistrictingMichigan.org](http://RedistrictingMichigan.org). You can also go to your local Secretary of State office to have this application notarized for free.

**Step 2:** Print and sign your name in front of the notary.

**Step 3:** Return your completed, notarized application. You can mail the application to Michigan Department of State, PO Box 30318, Lansing, MI 48909. You can also return it to a dropbox at your local Secretary of State office.

**Step 1:** Ask the notary to complete this section:

Sign and sworn before me in Emmet  
County, Michigan.

Print name exactly as it appears on notary application:  
Serena M. Warren

Sign exactly as it appears on notary application:  


Today's date 11.01.2019

Notary Public, State of Michigan (print county commission)  
Emmet County

Commission expiration date: 2.28.2024 Acting in the county of: Emmet

**Step 2:** You complete the section below. *This must be done in the presence of the notary.*

Print name below:  
Claire Hollis Forster

Sign and date below. *This must be done in the presence of the notary.*

By signing below, I swear or affirm that the answers provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge, and in particular attest that my political party affiliation as represented in this application is accurate.



Today's date 11.01.2019