You must print, notarize, and return this application by June 1, 2020.



Your application is almost done. You must print and sign the last page of this application in the presence of a notary. Then you must return it to the Department of State. You can come back to print this application via the online portal at any time.

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Redistricting

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

ID Number: 5135

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 be 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?

Note: Like jury duty, your employer cannot fire you for serving on this commission.

YES

(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.

Applicant Information

Name

Dustin Joseph Witjes

Date of Birth (MM/YYYY)

04/1989

Race White

Sex

Male

Residential Address

Ypsilanti MI 48197

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

Mailing Address (if applicable)



Contact Information



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

I have a strong urge for public service, and I believe strongly in our democratic system of government pertaining to elections. I affiliate with the Democratic party, but I do not believe that has any weight on this. I want to help ensure that the districts in the great state of Michigan have been drawn to not favor any party. My end goal would be that a random sampling of individuals out of a district will yield approximately 50% of each of two main parties. This would ensure that that our elections remain fair, and that each district has an equal number of constituents (as close as possible) of each party, ensuring that the will of the voters in each district is heard when electing our officials. This will also ensure that individuals that do vote, also do research on their candidates, and will stop what I refer to as "blind voting". Voting for your party and not listening to what others have to say and offer.

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

I Primarily vote Democratic. However, In past elections, I have been voting for individuals all across the ballot (However more have been Democratic party). I have never, to my knowledge, voted straight ticket.

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