

# This is your application to serve as a commissioner for Michigan's first-ever Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

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Read the tips below  
to make sure your  
application is complete.

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**Consider applying online.** Visit [RedistrictingMichigan.org](http://RedistrictingMichigan.org) to submit an application online. You can save it and return later if you get busy.

**Make sure you have all the pages.** There are six (6) total pages that make up this application, including this page. The pages are numbered in the bottom right corners to help you keep track.

**Initial the top of each page.** This will make sure your application stays together.

**Write clearly and legibly.** Doing so will speed up processing time. Unclear handwriting may cause delays.

**Don't know if you're eligible?** You must be a registered voter in Michigan to serve on the commission. See page 2 for more details.

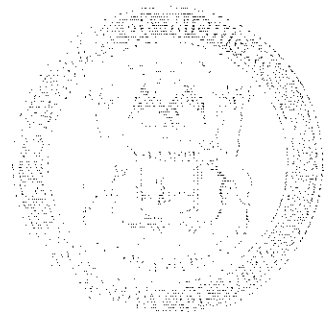
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**This application must be signed in the presence of a notary or e-notary and submitted by June 1st, 2020.**



# Here are some important things to know before you start.

## The law includes some criteria for who can serve on this commission.

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The questions in this section of the application make sure you're eligible and don't have any conflicts that might keep you from serving on the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Answer these questions to the best of your ability. If you have any concerns or feel you're unable to answer a given prompt, please contact [Redistricting@Michigan.gov](mailto:Redistricting@Michigan.gov).

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Are you a registered voter in the state of Michigan? *If you're not sure, you can check your voter registration at [michigan.gov/Vote](http://michigan.gov/Vote).*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you are not currently registered, will you be registered by August 15, 2020?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

### 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 federal, state, or local office.

☐ Yes ☒ No

B. An elected official to partisan federal, state, or local office.

☐ Yes ☒ No

C. An officer or member of the governing body of a national, state, or local political party.

☐ Yes ☒ No

D. A paid consultant or employee of a federal, state, or local elected official or political candidate, of a federal, state, or local political candidate's campaign, or of a political action committee.

☐ Yes ☒ No

E. An employee of the legislature.

☐ Yes ☒ No

F. A lobbyist agent registered with the Michigan Bureau of Elections.

☐ Yes ☒ No

G. An employee of a lobbyist agent registered with the Michigan Bureau of Elections.

☐ Yes ☒ No

H. An unclassified state employee pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution.

☐ Yes ☒ No

*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 question.*

2. I am a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, or spouse of a person to whom sections A through H would apply.

☐ Yes ☒ No

3. I am disqualified for appointed or elected office in Michigan.

☐ Yes ☒ 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

## What to expect if you're selected.

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Being part of this Commission is an exciting and historic opportunity. It will also require a significant commitment of time and energy.



These questions help set expectations.

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

If selected to serve 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 ☐ No

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 ☐ No

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 ☐ No

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 ☐ No

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 ☐ No

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 ☐ No

### Indicate your political affiliation:

The Commission will be made up of 13 commissioners: 4 commissioners who affiliate with the Republican Party, 4 commissioners who affiliate with the Democratic Party, and 5 commissioners who do not affiliate with either major party.

To meet this requirement, we need to know your political affiliation **(please select one).**

☐ I do not affiliate with either the Republican or Democratic Party.

☒ I affiliate with the Democratic Party.

☐ I affiliate with the Republican Party.

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## Tell us about yourself.

The Secretary of State invites wide public participation in this Commission from communities across Michigan. Potential commissioners should "mirror the geographic and demographic makeup of the state."

The demographic information you provide will help achieve that goal. We will use this data in our outreach efforts and in the next phase of the selection process, as mandated by the state Constitution.

If you have any questions about the next step of the process, please visit [RedistrictingMichigan.org](http://RedistrictingMichigan.org) or contact [Redistricting@Michigan.gov](mailto:Redistricting@Michigan.gov).

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### Name

Last Name

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First Name

KATHRYN

### Address

(where you are registered to vote)

City/Town

FRANKFORT

State

Michigan

Zip

49635

### Temporary Mailing Address

(if different than the address listed above) n/a

### Contact Information

The Secretary of State may need to contact you regarding your application. What is the best way to reach you?

### Demographic Information

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Gender

☐ Male

☒ Female

Race (please select all that apply)

☒ White

☐ Black or African American

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Asian

☐ Other

Birth year

1954

## Optional: Why do you care about this?

If you would like to further elaborate on your political party affiliation or your desire to serve as a commissioner, you may use the space to the right to do so.



You don't need to provide any further information in order to serve on the Commission. Any additional information you provide won't impact your eligibility or selection as one of the 200 semi-finalists.

If you're randomly selected, any additional information you provide will be made public and submitted to the legislative leaders reviewing your application. Specifically, the Speaker of the House, House Minority Leader, Senate Majority Leader, and Senate Minority leader may each remove up to five (5) applicants before the final random draw.

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If you prefer to type these responses, complete your application online by visiting [RedistrictingMichigan.org](http://RedistrictingMichigan.org).

Why do you want to serve on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission? *Suggested length approximately 0 - 500 words.*

This issue has been voted upon by the residents of Michigan. I feel it is my civic responsibility to participate in this worthwhile endeavor.

Describe why or how you affiliate with either the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or why you don't affiliate with either. *Suggested length approximately 0 - 500 words.*

I always vote for the Democratic candidate in elections. However, I would be an impartial participant

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# Notarize, sign and submit by June 1, 2020.

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This application must be notarized, then returned by email or mail. Visit Michigan.gov/FreeNotary to find a notary offering the service for free electronically or near you. You can email your completed and notarized application to MDOS-NotarizedApplication@Michigan.gov or mail it to Michigan Department of State, PO Box 30318, Lansing, MI 48909.

## Notarize and return this application.

1. Double check your work in this paper application. **Remember that you must answer all required questions on this application to be an applicant for the commission.**
2. Save your application. Print it if you plan to visit a notary in person (you don't need to print if you plan to use an e-notary).
3. Visit Michigan.gov/FreeNotary to find a free remote/electronic notary or one you can visit in person.
4. Email your notarized application to MDOS-NotarizedApplication@Michigan.gov, or mail it to PO Box 30318, Lansing, MI 48909. **Applications due June 1, 2020.**

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

Sign and sworn before me in Benzie  
County, Michigan.

Print name exactly as it appears on notary application:

Damon L Tonda

Sign exactly as it appears on notary application:

Today's date	05   05   2020

Notary Public, State of Michigan (print county commission)

Benzie County

Commission expiration date:

10-19-2024

Acting in the county of:

Benzie

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

Print name below:

KATHRYN M. Allen

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	05   05   2020