

Thank you for applying!

For detailed information on Michigan's redistricting process, visit RedistrictingMichigan.org.

What happens next?

- Application Period**
Now – June 1, 2020
- Applications submitted
- June 1, 2020 deadline for submitting applications
- Selection Period**
June – August 2020
- Secretary of State eliminates incomplete and ineligible applications
- Secretary of State randomly draws 200 semi-finalists
- Legislative leaders review semi-finalists and exercise limited strikes
- Secretary of State randomly draws final 13 commissioners
- Commission in Operation**
Fall 2020 – Fall 2021

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Be a part of Michigan's future.

You've been selected to apply to serve on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission! Through a random selection process, your name was chosen to receive this application.

In November 2018, Michigan voters amended the state Constitution to create a citizen-led redistricting process. A commission of 13 randomly-selected citizens will be responsible for drawing district lines for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives, and U.S. Congress.

You now have a unique opportunity to get involved in this process and, in doing so, help draw fair, representative districts for the entire state.

Questions? Learn more at www.RedistrictingMichigan.gov or Redistricting@Michigan.gov.



Designed and printed in Michigan.

Notarize, sign and mail by June 1, 2020.



This application must be notarized, then mailed or dropped off at your local Secretary of State branch.

Visit Michigan.gov/FreeNotary to find a notary offering the service for free near you. You can mail your completed application to Michigan Department of State, PO Box 30318, Lansing, MI 48909.

Option 1: send in this paper 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. Take your application to a notary and sign it in the presence of the notary.
3. Mail the application using the envelope you received in this package. Or, mail it to: Michigan Department of State, PO Box 30318, Lansing, MI 48909. You can also drop it off at your local Secretary of State branch office. **Applications due June 1, 2020.**

Option 2: complete the application online and print.

1. Visit RedistrictingMichigan.org to complete the application.
2. Print your application.
3. Take your application to a notary and sign it in the presence of the notary.
4. Mail the application using the envelope you received in this package. Or, mail it to: Michigan Department of State, PO Box 30318, Lansing, MI 48909. You can also drop it off at your local Secretary of State branch office. **Applications due June 1, 2020.**

What's a commissioner?

As a commissioner, you'll collaborate with other Michigan citizens to create fair, representative districts. You do not need any specific skills or expertise to serve on the Commission. The constitution simply requires that each commissioner "perform his or her duties in a manner that is impartial and reinforces public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process."

Here are some things you need to know about what it's like to serve in this special role. More details are available at RedistrictingMichigan.org, but general responsibilities of commissioners include:

Draw the district lines for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives, and U.S. Congress.

Gather input from the public through public meetings.

Utilize 2020 census data and to public input to inform decisions about where to draw district lines.

Work collaboratively with 12 other commissioners to draw and finalize the districts.

Return this paper copy after you fill it out, or complete and submit it online at RedistrictingMichigan.org

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.



Are you a registered voter in the state of Michigan? *If you are not sure, you can check your voter registration at Michigan.gov/Vote.*

Yes No

If you're 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

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 or contact Redistricting@Michigan.gov



What to expect if you're selected.

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

These questions on the following pages 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.

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. *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.* Yes No

2. I am a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, or spouse of a person to whom sections A through H (above and on the previous page) 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

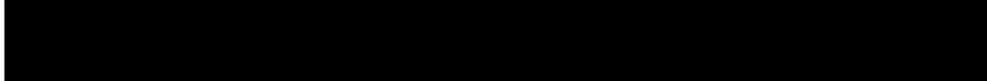
Name

Last Name Gordon

First Name Sheldon

Address

(where you are registered to vote)



City/Town SOUTHFIELD Michigan Zip 4 8 0 7 6

Temporary Mailing Address

(if different than the address listed above)

Address _____ Apt. number _____

City/Town _____ Michigan Zip _____

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

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Sheldon Robert Gordon



Answer to question 1:

To quote, but also to take the liberty of modifying and extending the eloquent clause of Thomas Jefferson, "When, in the course of human events," there can and will arise transgressions that serve to compromise the very essence of the democratic process. Not only is the right to cast a vote fundamental to the well-being of democracy, but in doing so, endows each and every one of its citizens with the expectation that their vote will reflect their voice within a free society. This concept thus establishes the basic tenet set forth in the laws of our country that one person shall have one vote, thus guaranteeing the political equality of all individuals.

A flagrant violation of this belief occurs when the political party in power undertakes a blatantly bias approach to voter redistricting, often with the intent of what best can be referred to as a "power grab." This action serves to secure a party's political influence by minimizing the impact of the opposition party's voters, thus very effectively minimizing, if not, squashing their voices and greatly eliminating their influence on the political process. In short, politically motivated redistricting is a threat to the true meaning of democracy.

I feel that serving on the state redistricting commission would allow me the unique opportunity to participate in a process that seeks to define Michigan's voting districts in a fair and unbiased manner to ensure the concept of equal votes for all citizens in the State of Michigan. Being a part of the redistricting commission is an opportunity for me to participate in a process that helps ensure and strengthen our democratic principles.

Answer to question 2:

I have always affiliated with being a Democrat. My parents were working class Democrats and although I earned an advanced academic degree, I still associate myself with the working class. Perhaps this is the result of having been a union member, both as I worked while attending school and then as a professional. Over the years, as I have gotten older, my political leanings have somewhat changed, so if asked to qualify my political leanings I would answer that I consider myself to be more of a moderate Democrat.

What's redistricting?

Every 10 years when we complete the U.S. Census, we gain new data about where people live. We use this data and other information to redraw the lines that define districts out of which we elect political leaders. This process of determining district lines is known as "redistricting."



In Michigan, a randomly selected group of citizens (a "commission") is responsible for drawing these lines. These lines are important because they determine how voters will be grouped together to elect representatives to the U.S. Congress and Michigan's House and Senate.

The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission will be composed of 13 Michigan registered voters: four who affiliate with the Democratic Party, four who affiliate with the Republican Party and five who do not affiliate with either of those political parties.

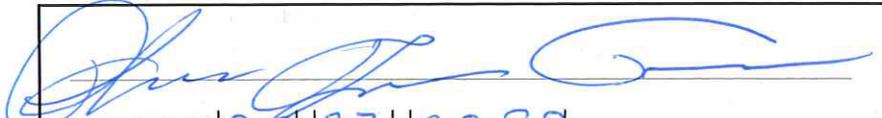
Step 1: Ask the notary to complete this section:

Sign and sworn before me in Oakland
County, Michigan.

Print name exactly as it appears on notary application:

Phillip Lloyd Todd

Sign exactly as it appears on notary application:


Today's date 05 | 27 | 2020

PHILLIP LLOYD TODD
Notary Public, Oakland Co., MI
My Commission Expires Jun. 28, 2025
Acting in Oakland Co.

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

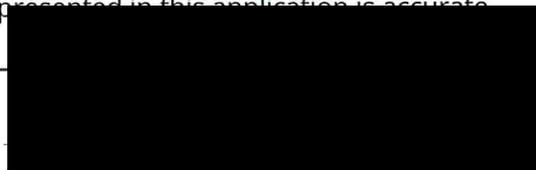
Commission expiration date: 6/28/2025 Acting in the county of: Oakland

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

Print name below:
Sheldon Robert Gordon

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 | 27 | 2020