

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Application

**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.**

**Step 1:** Print this application and take it to a notary. You can find a notary offering this service for free at [Michigan.gov/FreeNotary](https://Michigan.gov/FreeNotary). You can also go to your [local Secretary of State office](#) starting in December 2019 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](#).

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## 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 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 prompt.*

(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 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? 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 do not affiliate with either the Republican or Democratic Party.

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## Applicant Information

**Name**

Robert Kinkela

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

02/1981

**Race**

White

**Sex**

Male

**Residential Address**

[REDACTED]

Richland MI 49083

**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?**

Politics and justice is part of who we are as Americans. America is a republic with representatives elected by the people and for the people. This redistricting commission is important to ensure the process is fair so that our democracy can continue throughout the 21st century. I am very adept at listening to people and trying to find compromise. Compromise will be key to the success of this redistricting project.

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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 am an independent because I am Catholic. Life is sacred from conception until natural death. Neither party affirms this; democrats do not believe fetus is a person; republicans do not treat the poor and marginalized with human dignity. I work with the poor and I am going to the March for Life in Washington DC.

Yet even though I do not have party, I think it is important to work together. America is one nation: INDIVISIBLE. The civil war taught us all those years ago that we need to work together, that states cannot secede from the union, that America is greater than any political party. America is indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

I think the best way to live that is as an independent.



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

Sign and sworn before me in <u>Wayne</u> County, Michigan.	
Print name exactly as it appears on notary application:	
<u>Bilal Hammoud</u>	<u>Notarized Digitally</u>
Sign exactly as it appears on notary application:	
<u>Bilal Hammoud</u>	
Today's date	<u>05</u>   <u>29</u>   <u>2020</u>
Notary Public, State of Michigan (print county commission) <u>Wayne</u>	
Commission expiration date: <u>09/15/2026</u>	Acting in the county of: <u>Wayne</u>

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

Print name below: <u>Robert J Kinkela</u>	
Sign and date below. <i>This must be done in the presence of the notary.</i>	
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.	
X 	
Today's date	<u>05</u>   <u>29</u>   <u>2020</u>