

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 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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Redistricting

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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

Suzanne Margaret Lewis

Date of Birth (MM/YYYY)

06/1952

Race

White

Sex

Female

Residential Address

[REDACTED]

Plymouth MI 48170

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 am an independent voter. I do not vote for any particular party, only for the candidate and/or plans and policies that will best represent and benefit the State of Michigan and its citizens. I am interested in elections that are fair and impartial with all voters having an equal chance of having their candidate elected; that does not happen when districts are drawn to produce a predetermined outcome. I will make reasonable, rational and impartial decisions in order to facilitate fair, impartial elections.

The results of any election should accurately reflect the choices of the electorate. Gerrymandering skews those results in favor of the political party holding the majority in state government following the national census every 10 years, giving the party drawing the districts an advantage in future elections. At its extreme, gerrymandering ensures that one party remains in power regardless of how the electorate may vote.

Impartial determinations regarding the configuration of congressional districts is essential to accurate representation of the interests of the people of Michigan. Our Congressional representatives should be accountable to the electorate. Their work on behalf of the voters should be subject to scrutiny, their performance should be reviewed at the end of each term and the decision as to whether they remain in office should be made by the voters, not because the seat is "safe" because of political manipulation.

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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.

In order to obtain a primary ballot I have, in the past, been forced to declare a preference for a political party in order to vote for a particular candidate. Over the course of several election cycles I have declared a preference for both parties. However, I consider myself to be an independent voter. I vote for the candidates that I believe will best benefit the citizens of Michigan. I consider the platform of each party and well as the issues and the experience and character of the candidates. I have voted for candidates from both parties based on performance. I will continue to do so.

Public office holders should be accountable to those they represent. They should be mindful of the needs and interests of the people. Elections require the representatives to act on the citizens' behalf. They are end of term "performance reviews" for politicians. Voting independently gives me the ability to evaluate the office holder and other candidates and then vote to extend or end the term of our public employees. Decisions based on policies, platforms, issues, experience, character and performance are important. Impartial elections matter.

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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 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](#).

Step 1: Ask the notary to complete this section:

Sign and sworn before me in Wayne
County, Michigan.

Print name exactly as it appears on notary application:

Shareen Tata

Sign exactly as it appears on notary application:

<u>Shareen Tata</u>	
Today's date	0, 5 2, 1 2, 0, 2, 0

Notary Public, State of Michigan (print county commission)

Wayne County

SHAREEN TATA NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE My Commission Expires Sept. 06, 2024 Acting in the County of _____
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Commission expiration date:

9.6.2024

Acting in the county of:

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

Print name below:

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.

X	<u>[Redacted Signature]</u>
Today's date	0, 5 2, 1 2, 0, 2, 0