

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Application

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



Your application is almost done. You must 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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How this application will be used

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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 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

Richard Diggs

Date of Birth (MM/YYYY)

01/1989

Race

Black or African American

Sex

Male

Residential Address

[REDACTED]

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 a native Detroit resident with a special interest in serving on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. I am a product of Detroit Public Schools and a former DPS high school Government teacher turned litigation attorney. I graduated from Edwin Denby High School, where I first developed my interest in redistricting. I am a graduate of Wayne State University, where I received my B.A. in Political Science, cum laude. After my time as a DPS teacher, I went on to obtain my J.D. from New York University School of Law.

During law school, my scholarship focused on redistricting. I am published on the topic of independent redistricting commissions. Under the guidance of Professor Richard Pildes, one of the nation's leading scholars of constitutional law and legal issues concerning democracy, I produced legal memorandums addressing a notable racial gerrymandering case that was before the Supreme Court of the United States. Professor Pildes would later serve as an advisor for my student note, "Regulation via Delegation: A Federalist Perspective on the 'Arizona State Legislature v. Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission' Decision." The note was published in the NYU Law Review. (see <https://www.nyulawreview.org/issues/volume-92-number-1/regulation-via-delegation-a-federalist-perspective-on-the-arizona-state-legislature-v-arizona-independent-redistricting-commission-decision/>).

After law school, I returned to Detroit to serve as a law clerk for the Honorable Chief Judge Denise Page Hood. Later, I served as a law clerk for the Honorable James Graves Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. I am currently a litigation associate at an international law firm. Currently an out-of-state resident who maintains a Michigan address, I intend to return home sometime following my employment lock-up period at my current law firm.

Redistricting is an issue that has inspired both my academic and professional careers. It would be an honor to serve the people of Michigan as a member of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Please contact me if you need any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

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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 not a member of any political party. As a former employee of the federal judiciary, I have not participated in any political campaigns or publicly advocated for any political candidates on a partisan basis.

If selected, I will serve the people of Michigan impartially, focusing on the applicable standards and criteria.

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Step 1: Ask the notary to complete this section:

Sign and sworn before me in Richmond
County, ~~Michigan~~ NY

Print name exactly as it appears on notary application: Alexander Vays

Sign exactly as it appears on notary application: Alex Vays

Today's date	0	6	0	1	2	0	2	0
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Notary Public, State of Michigan (print county commission)

ALEXANDER VAYS
Notary Public - State of New York
NO 02VA6295309
Qualified in Richmond County
My Commission Expires Jan 13, 2022

Commission expiration date: _____ 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:
Richard Diggs

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.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[Redacted Signature]							
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