

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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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

Hillary Carmen Womboldt

Date of Birth (MM/YYYY)

08/1992

Race

White

Italian-American

Sex

Female

Residential Address

[REDACTED]

Grand Rapids MI 49503

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

NO

Mailing Address (if applicable)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Contact Information

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Why do you want to serve on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission?

I'm 27 with no kids, two cats, live alone, and work from home with a flexible schedule. I'm also a passionate active voter and have not missed an election since I was 18. My high school teacher, Mr. Garrod, taught me what gerrymandering was in AP US History class. It left me heavy-hearted and eager to make a change. I graduated from High School in 2011 and went on to receive my BFA in Industrial Design from Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, MI. I have been a designer since and although it's rewarding work, after years of this current political climate - this seemed like a great opportunity to be apart of.

Democracy is a process and is something that we have to continue to fight for, young people especially. Since Michigan in 2012 discovered many districts that were unlawfully gerrymandered, I felt defeated. My millennial friends stopped voting (or never started), so many of them believe - what is the point? We see our Parents become so invested in Political parties of a system that seemed rigged. However, I believe everyone should exercise their right to vote and have accessibility to voting.

In November 2018, I remember voting for this specifically, for citizens to redraw district lines. To swing power back from legislators with special political interests to an honest system that truthfully reflected Michigan's diverse population of people.

When I received this (well-designed) purple mailer saying "Be a part of Michigan's Future- You've been selected to apply to serve on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission!" I already felt apart of it, compelled to responsibly help, and passionate about working with others. Republican, Democrat, or Independent it's time to regain weight of the voter. Our votes can and will mean more with citizen redistricting and hopefully, young people regain interest and belief in their vote.

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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.

Both my parents were public school educators (now retired). My father was a Special Education Director for Lansing public schools. My mother, an elementary teacher for St. Johns, MI. They both affiliate as Democrats. Obviously, this impacted my voting, and I began voting Democratic to give weight to my voice. (Third parties didn't really have a shot in the 2010's.) However, in recent elections and the discovery/understanding of bias Media (it's everywhere!) later in my Twenties, I have become nonpartisan. I believe in people, and doing the right thing for the people (majority + minorities).

I also have a small business. I started my design agency two years ago and support small businesses, think tanks/startups, growing ideas, and local economies. Fiscally, I lean a little Republican. Lines are blurring, which is the perfect time to make decisions together for all parties involved, all opinions shared, so we can make educated, responsible claims to truly help our state and diverse communities.

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Step 1: Ask the notary to complete this section:

Sign and sworn before me in _____
County, Michigan.

Macomb

Print name exactly as it appears on notary application:

Lashawnda Beauford

Sign exactly as it appears on notary application:

Lashawnda Beauford

Today's date

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Notary Public, State of Michigan (print county commission)

Macomb

Commission expiration date:

December 17, 2025

Acting in the county of:

LASHAWNDA BEAUFORD
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MI
COUNTY OF MACOMB

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Dec 17, 2025

ACTING IN COUNTY OF Macomb

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

Print name below:

Hillary C Womboldt

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

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