



CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:

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WHAT IS THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?

- This is a **once in a decade opportunity** to influence the future of California.
- Electoral redistricting helps determine who will be elected and what direction our state will take on **jobs, taxes, the environment, and other important issues facing California.**

HOW DO I APPLY?

- The application process starts **December 15, 2009 and ends February 12, 2010.**
- Visit **www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov** for updated information as well as the online application when it becomes available.

YOU CAN BE ON THE COMMISSION IF YOU HAVE...

- **YES** Been registered in CA for 5 years with the SAME party
- **YES** Voted in 2 of last 3 state elections

YOU CAN'T BE ON THE COMMISSION IF YOU HAVE

Been, In the Past 10 Years:

- **NO** A candidate/elected/appointed to public office
- **NO** An officer of a political party
- **NO** Staff or officer on a political campaign committee (state or federal)
- **NO** Paid staff for member of Assembly, Senate, or Board of Equalization
- **NO** Paid staff for Assembly, Senate, or Board of Equalization
- **NO** An elected/appointed member of political party's central committee
- **NO** A registered lobbyist
- **NO** Given more than \$2,000 to a candidate running for local, state, or congressional office

EVER BEEN

- **NO** Staff or a consultant to the Governor
- **NO** Under contract with the Governor
- **NO** Immediate family to the Governor
- **NO** A member of the Legislature, Congress, or Board of Equalization

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HOW LONG DO COMMISSIONERS SERVE?

Redistricting Commissioners will serve a term of ten years but the vast **majority of their work will be from November 2010 to September 2011**. The Voters FIRST Act states specifically that no employer can fire an employee for being on the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

DOES BEING ON THE COMMISSION LIMIT WHAT I CAN DO AFTERWARDS?

A former commissioner cannot, for 5 years:

- Hold public appointed office
- Work for the legislature or an individual member of the legislature
- Become a federal, state or local lobbyist

A former commissioner cannot, for 10 years:

- Hold federal, state, county, or city public elected office

WHAT ARE SOME KEY QUALIFICATIONS?

Important qualifications that applicants will be judged on are:

- Ability to be impartial
- Appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography
- Relevant analytical skills

WHAT WILL THE COMMISSION'S POLITICAL MAKE-UP BE?

The **14** member Citizens Redistricting Commission will have **5 Democrats, 5 Republicans, and 4 who are not Democrats or Republicans**.

IMPORTANT DATES

- December 15, 2009-February 12, 2010: Initial application process
- February 16-April 2: Supplemental application process for period for qualified applicants
- July 20-September 13: One hundred and twenty (120) applicants are interviewed, pool is then reduced to sixty (60) then to thirty-six (36)
- November 20 (no later than): Eight (8) applicants are selected at random from pool
- December 31, 2010: Initial eight (8) commissioner select six (6) additional commissioners from the remaining pool

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