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APPLICATION FOR "COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION"

Applications Due By: August 21, 2020, 5:00PM

Application Revised: 6/29/2020

Date Received:

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete each item below and sign the application. For more information please review the ordinance, visit the redistricting webpage at: [www.countyofsb.org/redistricting](http://www.countyofsb.org/redistricting) or email questions to [redistricting@countyofsb.org](mailto:redistricting@countyofsb.org).

Please print legibly in ink or type. When completed, print and sign the application. Submit the application by mail, drop off or email as listed on the signature page.

1. Today's Date: August 10, 2020

2. NAME: BRAY JAMES HARRISON  
Last First Middle

SANTA MARIA 93455  
City Zip Code

6. Are you or have you been employed by the County of Santa Barbara?  YES  No If YES, list:

Department: Title: Date:

**Demographic Section: Providing this information is optional. You may select "decline to state" for each answer. County Ordinance Code Section 2-10.9A, (4)(h)(3) requires six of the 11 appointees, in addition to meeting minimum requirements, be chosen in a way that ensures the Commission reflects the County's diversity, including racial, ethnic, geographic, age, and gender diversity. However, formulas or specific ratios shall not be applied for this purpose.**

7. Please describe your ethnic origin. Mark one or more boxes.

- BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN: All persons having origins in any of the original Black racial groups of Africa.
- HISPANIC/LATINO: All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- ASIAN: All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER: All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE: All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain cultural affiliation or community recognition.

WHITE (not of Hispanic Origin): All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

Decline to state

8. Select the gender you identify as:

Female  Male  Non-Binary  Decline to state

9. What is your age: 70  Decline to state

10. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission. Attach an additional page if necessary.

First - I love Santa Barbara County. I have lived here over 25 years, and I truly wish to serve in some capacity that is beneficial.

Second - My whole life has been about service to include 28 years in the military, serving on various local non-profit boards and as a community volunteer.

Third - I worked as a public/government relations representative in SBC for almost 25 years, and during that time I dealt with numerous county agencies including Planning & Development, Board of Supervisors, Office of Emergency Services, and the County Executive Office. Through this work I feel I have a comprehensive understanding of local county government.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Give any other relevant information pertaining to your qualifications and experience that bear on your application for the Commission.

I was a Political Science major in college.

I served as a legislative aide in the Georgia State Senate during a two-year session.

I am retired, and have the time and interest to pursue this work.

See attached bio.

**\*Required Selection Criteria: Please answer the following yes/no questions.**

\*Are you a resident of the County of Santa Barbara?

Yes  No

\*Are you registered to vote in the County of Santa Barbara?

Yes  No

\*Have you changed your registered political party affiliation within the past 5 years?

Yes  No

\*Have you voted in Santa Barbara County in at least one of the last three statewide elections?

Yes  No

\*I have read and comply with the provisions of Elections Code § 23003(c), (d) and (e).

Yes  No

\*Do you have any significant financial interest, as defined in County Ordinance Sec. 2-10.9A. - Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission, in any company, corporation or other business entity that has donated five hundred dollars or more in one year to any candidate for elective office of the County of Santa Barbara, or to any controlled committee, primarily formed committee, general purpose committee, independent expenditure committee that expended funds in support or opposition to a candidate for elective office of the County of Santa Barbara within the last eight years preceding appointment to the commission?

Yes  No

\*Have you or any immediate family member, within the last eight years preceding appointment to the commission, contributed five hundred dollars or more in one year to any candidate controlled committee, primarily formed committee, or general purpose committee, independent expenditures committee or other political action committee that has expended more than one thousand dollars in support or in opposition to the election campaign for any elective office of the County of Santa Barbara?

Yes  No

\*Have you or any immediate family member, within the last eight years preceding appointment to the commission, been a board member, officer, paid or volunteer staff of, or had a significant influence on the actions or decisions of a political committee required to register with the California Secretary of State, which expended funds in excess of five hundred dollars in support or opposition to a candidate for any elective office of the County of Santa Barbara, including member communications.

Yes  No

**How this application will be used:**

I understand the contents of this application may be made available to the public including posting on the internet.

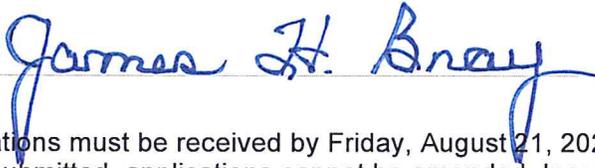
Yes, I understand

I understand that while this application is a public document, my personal e-mail address, street address, and phone number(s) will be kept confidential to the extent authorized by law.

Yes, I understand

**By signing below, I declare under penalty of perjury that the answers provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.**

**Signature:**



Completed applications must be received by Friday, August 21, 2020 at 5 p.m. Double check your answers in the application; once submitted, applications cannot be amended. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**OPTION 1:**

*Mail To:*

Joseph E. Holland  
Redistricting Commission  
County Clerk, Recorder, Assessor, Registrar of Voters  
P.O. Box 159  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102-0159

*Drop Off in Person To:*

Joseph E. Holland Redistricting Commission Assessor's Office  
105 E. Anapamu St, Room 204 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**OPTION 2:**

E-mail your completed application. Ensure the application is signed (no e-signatures), then e-mail the application to: [redistricting@countyofsb.org](mailto:redistricting@countyofsb.org)

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# James H. Bray Biography

August 1, 2020

James H. Bray (Jim) is a retired Public & Government Relations manager in the oil and gas industry. Upon retirement, he was the Public Affairs Manager for Pacific Coast Energy Company (PCEC).

Prior to joining PCEC, Jim spent 12 years with Plains Exploration & Production Company (PXP) in their Health, Safety & Environmental Dept. Before PXP, Jim spent 23 years with Unocal in a variety of positions, including over 15 years in public, government and community relations. His last assignment there was as Manager, Public Relations for Unocal's Central Coast Group, where he focused on Unocal's remediation efforts in Avila Beach and Guadalupe Beach, California.

Before joining Unocal, Bray spent two years as a legislative assistant to the Lt. Gov. of Georgia. Prior to that, he served two years' active duty in the U.S. Army, and retired with 28 years combined active/reserve service. Bray, who was a Special Forces Lt. Colonel, spent a nine-month tour in Bosnia-Herzegovina during 1997 and 1998 with his Army reserve unit in. During that assignment, he served as the American Special Assistant to NATO's Deputy Commander, Lt. Gen. Philippe Mansuy (Fr. Army). For his work with the French, Bray was awarded France's *La Medaille de La Defense Nationale, Echelon "Or"* (National Defense Medal, Golden Echelon) by France's Minister of Defense.

Bray is active in the community. He currently serves on the Allan Hancock College Foundation board, the PCPA Foundation board, is an advisory board member of the California Oil Museum, and an Honorary Commander of Vandenberg Air Force Base's 30th Operations Group. He is past chairman of the board of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, past board member of the Santa Maria Valley YMCA and Element Christian Church, past president of the Santa Barbara County Industry-Education Council, and a founding board member of the Orcutt Children's Arts Foundation. He served as chairman of VTC's Quality Life Services Building Campaign, and as Co-Chair of the 2015 Special Olympics' Santa Maria Host Town Committee for the Special Olympics World Games. He was the Sponsorship Director for the 2018 and 2019 Central Coast Airfest. In 2017, Bray was named the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara's Ambassador of the Year, as well as an awardee that year of the Santa Barbara Foundation's Celebrate Philanthropy award. He belongs to the Santa Maria Breakfast Rotary.

Bray earned his BA degree in Political Science and French in 1972 from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. Jim and his wife Denise reside in Orcutt, California. They have one son, Tyler, who is married and a middle school teacher. He is also an Army Captain in the California National Guard.

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James H. Bray  
1031 Terrazzo Way  
Santa Maria, CA 93455

August 10, 2020

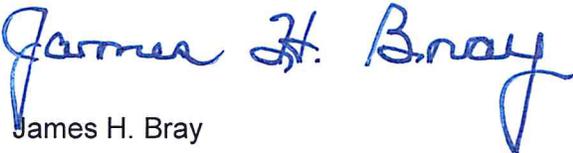
Mr. Joseph E. Holland  
Redistricting Commission  
County Clerk, Recorder, Assessor, Registrar of Voters  
P.O. Box 159  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102-0159

Dear Mr. Holland:

Please find attached my application for the County of Santa Barbara Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission. I have also attached my bio for your information.



Regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James H. Bray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "B".

James H. Bray