

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 or email questions to 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: **8-15-2020**

2. NAME:

Fina

Scott

David

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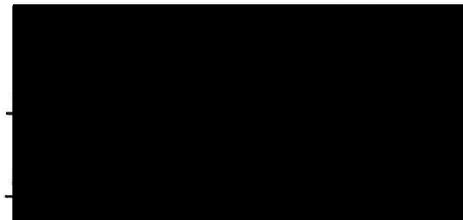


Santa Maria

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: 64 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.

Three concerns motivate me to apply for the redistricting commission: (1) I find Gerrymandering that bolsters the power of a specific political party or tenure of a specific politician, truly offensive to democracy. (2) I fear that our communities with disproportionate numbers of economically disadvantaged residents will be under-served by our county government unless our supervisor districts geographically support fair representation. (3) I believe communities in unincorporated areas of our county are especially vulnerable to misrepresentation. Decisions about land use and county services for these communities are not local; they are made by five supervisors, four of whom do not live in or near the communities and may have little knowledge of, or interest in, their needs and preferences.

Fair and effective redistricting will help address these concerns. I want to help make sure it gets done!

I have a Ph.D. in Political Science from Temple University and a Masters in Public Administration from Seton Hall University. I taught State and Local Government, and Public Policy Analysis courses as a doctoral candidate at Temple. More recently I taught American Government as a part-time instructor for Allan Hancock College. I will bring in-depth knowledge of government, and familiarity with the use of statistical analysis and demographic data to the redistricting commission.

As an instructor, I have encouraged my students to use critical thinking and to identify and challenge their personal ideological bias. I try to practice what I teach. I also believe that no one has a monopoly on the truth—and that everyone should be heard. These dispositions will help me to actively listen to and weigh public comment—and effectively collaborate with and respect the ideas of my fellow commission members.

I will also bring a career of varied public service to my participation on the commission.

I have worked as a state police officer (trooper). As part of my responsibilities, I provided training to police, first aid, and/or volunteer fire departments on response to hazardous materials emergencies in over two dozen municipalities.

I have worked for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and assisted state, county, and municipal agencies with constituents potentially impacted by nuclear power plants, in evaluating their emergency evacuation plans.

I have worked as an administrator of a program serving homeless men.

I have worked in international development for a Catholic order of priests and brothers, helping them to plan and fund projects in dozens of developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe, such as constructing schools, obtaining access to fresh water sources, and establishing medical clinics and farming cooperatives.

I previously served on the Board of Directors of Peoples' Self Help Housing--the largest private, non-profit provider of affordable housing on the Central Coast, with numerous multi-unit (family) complexes in Santa Barbara County.

I apply for the redistricting commission with a sober understanding that it will involve a mountain of work, and that I along with other commission members, will inevitably be criticized by certain members-sectors-interests of the public who may disagree with the redistricting outcome, no matter how fairly and carefully we try to carry out our responsibility. It will feel like a thankless job at times. But if we get it right, we will be rewarded with the knowledge that we helped the communities of our county to be better, democratically governed places--at least for the next ten years!

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

***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:

Scott D. Fina

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

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