

## 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: 18 August 2020

2. NAME:

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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: 73  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.

I have dedicated my adult life in military and civilian service to the United States Constitution.

Now, I would like to take my service to the U.S. Constitution to a higher and more important level by participating in Santa Barbara's redistricting process as required under the U.S. Constitution's Article 1, Section 2.

During my first 9 years as an enlisted airman in the Air Force, I took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution seven times when I enlisted, reenlisted, or was promoted through Staff Sergeant.

For the next 20 years as a commissioned officer in the Air Force, I took the oath to protect and defend the Constitution when I commissioned and each time that I was promoted through Lieutenant Colonel.

The Air Force stationed me to Vandenberg Air Force Base in 1986 and as a single Dad of two teenagers, we lived on base until 1988 and then moved into Santa Maria so the boys could attend community college and find jobs. Moving from a military community into a truly diversified community and meeting my neighbors gave me a new perspective on community issues.

During my tenure at Vandenberg, I held several important positions that allowed me to interact with the local communities. I was Vandenberg's Public Affairs Officer and also the Base's Community Liaison Officer.

I worked with the United States Space Education Foundation to bring week-long Teachers Space Education to Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Lucia Mar science teachers. As a result, Vandenberg won the Foundation's Annual Education Award.

My duties included an Ex Official position to the base's five nearest chambers of commerce: Santa Maria, Lompoc, Buellton, Solvang, and Pismo Beach. I attended and gave updates at their monthly Board of Directors meetings as well as attending the monthly membership meetings of the Santa Maria Economic Development Association, the Santa Barbara Chamber, and San Luis Obispo Chamber. Of course, I wore my Air Force uniform to each meeting to meet the citizens to discuss major community issues and to answer any questions they had about Vandenberg and the Air Force.

During my years at Vandenberg, I graduated from several Community Leadership Programs that give a team of selected citizens a year-long orientation into the major issues that their community faced: Leadership Lompoc Valley, Leadership San Luis Obispo, and Leadership Santa Barbara County.

Perplexed why Santa Maria didn't have its own Leadership Program, I recruited a team of 12 citizens, I had met in my community meetings, who had graduated from other California Leadership programs who were now living or working in Santa Maria. I led the efforts to create Leadership Santa Maria Valley.

We planned the year-long program, recruited 24 committed citizens and they graduated in our first class in 1995. Over its first 25 years, the program has now graduated almost 400 citizens. These citizens have gone on to be informed and committed members of community boards and commissions. One even became the Mayor of Guadalupe.

To stay informed on the current major issues that our community faces, I have stayed intimately connected to Leadership Santa Maria Valley. I am still on the Board of Directors and each year, I facilitate the program's team-building weekend retreat and for the last 25 years, I try to attend each of the day-long topic days.

For 10 years, I have been the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site Coordinator for the Internal Revenue Service, United Way and Allan Hancock College. We train 40+ students and I supervise them doing free tax returns for low income taxpayers. Each year we do over 800 free tax returns and yearly refunds total over \$1,000,000 for our local citizens.

I was one of the initial team members when the Santa Barbara County Courts created its Veteran Treatment Court (VTC) for veterans who had run afoul with the law. As the VTC Mentoring Coordinator for 6 years, I recruited and trained other veterans who wanted to serve as court mentors to the nearly 200 veterans who were enrolled in the year-long VTC diversion and rehabilitation program.

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

During my years at Vandenberg, from 1992-1996, I was also the Chairman of the Annual Combined Federal Campaign. My responsibilities included leading the team of project officers from each federal organization in Northern Santa Maria. I served as Ex Official to the Board of the United Way of the Central Coast and attended their monthly meeting even when the campaign was not being conducted. Each year, the Combined Federal Campaign raised about \$140,000 to designated charities and non-profits.

During 1990-1996, I taught undergraduate classes for the University of La Verne and Chapman University: Ethics in Business, International Business, Principles of Management, Corporate Communications and a graduate course in Self Leadership.

Since my wife was born in Santa Maria, we bought a house in Orcutt in 1992 and planned to retire in Santa Maria after I finished my military service.

After I retired from the Air Force in 1997, The United Way asked me to rejoin their Board of Directors. While serving for 9 years on the Board, we raised community funds and funded non-profits to improve the quality of life in the Santa Maria Valley.

My last four years, I was Treasurer for two years and my last two years I served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. During that time, I lead the Board to move from an allocations model to a direct impact model which targeted Education, Health, and Finances.

In 2006, I approached the United Way, Red Cross, Santa Maria Chamber, Leadership Santa Maria Valley Board, and the Santa Maria Unified High School District to create a Teen Leadership Program modeled after the informed citizen building adult program. Over several years, we graduated 63 High School students who attended once-a-month topic days that ran from their team retreat in August through their June graduation. Consistently, the students would say in their graduation remarks, "I never realized Santa Maria has so many resources and things to do."

I have also been asked to be the team-building retreat facilitator for three other community leadership programs: Leadership Lompoc Valley, Leadership North County of SLO, and South County Leadership Program of SLO.

I am the organizer and moderator for Great Discussions, a twice a month zoom internet gathering of individuals who discuss current national and international issues. I educational essays and videos provided by the Foreign Policy Association and we have participants from Santa Barbara County, SLO County, and from around California to Texas to Florida to Canada.

**\*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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