

# 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 18, 2020

2. NAME:  
HARDIN      JENNIFER      LOUISE  
Last                      First                      Middle

Los Alamos                      93440  
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: 54  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 am a 7<sup>th</sup> generation Californian and a lifelong resident of Santa Barbara County. I still live on a portion of property in Los Alamos that has been in my family since 1839. My family has been ranching in California since the early 1800's. My Dad and I ran our own cattle operation together for nearly 30 years. In that time, we leased ranches in Gaviota, Lompoc, Buellton, Los Olivos, Santa Ynez, Los Alamos, Orcutt, and Santa Maria. We also ran a receiving station in Buellton where we helped local ranchers facilitate the transportation of their cattle to the Livestock Market in Templeton. These ventures afforded us the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with even the most remote areas of the County and also provide a service for fellow ranchers.

Prior to taking on our family's cattle operation full time, I worked as a food server at various restaurants in Santa Maria to earn money and put myself through school. This experience in the service industry taught me valuable lessons in people skills! After college, I was a bookkeeper for 5 years at a row crop farming company in Guadalupe.

Santa Barbara County is a beautiful and economically diverse area that is rich in history tradition. Our County boasts a number of large cattle ranches, ranchettes, hobby farms, wineries and vineyards, row crop farming operations, beach front properties, popular tourist destinations, and most recently, cannabis operations. While I value the history and traditions of Santa Barbara County, I completely understand that change is inevitable and, when "handled" correctly, can be a positive thing. My own home town of Los Alamos, once referred to as a "sleepy little western town" dominated by cattle ranching and dry farming, is now surrounded by vineyards and cannabis operations and considered to be a popular tourist destination with trendy restaurants! The diversity that makes this area so unique can also create challenges when trying to ensure that all residents and their interests are adequately represented. Responsible redistricting is a way to make this possible and I would love to be a part of this significant decision making process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Hardin

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

My family has deep roots in Santa Barbara County. My Great Great Great Grandfather, Jose de la Guerra, was commandante of the Presidio of Santa Barbara from 1815 to 1842. He was an influential man at the time and acquired several thousand acres of land through purchases and land grants. Portions of these original land grants in Cuyama and Lompoc are still owned by family members and currently operate as cattle ranches.

The Oreña Adobe in Santa Barbara, originally constructed by Jose de la Guerra in 1849, was purchased in 1858 by Gaspar Oreña after he married De la Guerra's daughter, Maria Antonia. Gaspar Oreña and Maria Antonia were my Great Great Grandparents. Fortunately, my family maintains possession of this Adobe.

Judge John T. Rickard, who served as mayor of Santa Barbara from 1953 - 1956, was my uncle. "Uncle Jack", as we fondly referred to him as, also served as City Harbor Commissioner and as City Attorney of Santa Barbara. He was instrumental in revitalizing Old Spanish Days Fiesta, after it had been "placed on hold" during World War II and because of the subsequent droughts experienced in Southern California. Uncle Jack loved Santa Barbara and was proud of his years of service to the city.

**\*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:

*Jennifer Louise Hardin*

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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