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Who makes up the Redistricting Commission?

- Selected by Appointing Authority (three retired judges):
 - Nine members
 - Two alternates

Why is redistricting necessary?

- Complies with the U.S. Constitution’s “one person – one vote” requirement.
- Accounts for population changes and shifts reflected in the latest census.
 - Every city, county, state and some other jurisdictions (e.g., school districts) must redraw boundaries every 10 years after the census population figures are released.

Why are these boundaries important?

- Provides fair and effective representation for all residents of the City, including racial, ethnic and language groups.

How are the Commissioners selected?

- After the Appointing Authority thoroughly reviews the applications and nominations submitted by San Diegans interested in participating in the redistricting process, appointments are made.

What is the time commitment?

- The Commission must hold at least nine public hearings; however, they often exceed that number. The preliminary plan will be filed with the City Clerk, along with a full analysis and explanation of the Commission's decisions, no later than 30 days before the adoption of a final plan.
- Once the preliminary plan is filed, the Commission must hold at least five more public hearings before it can adopt its final plan.
- The Commissioners service is concluded once the plan has been adopted and the right to referendum has concluded.

Are the Commissioners paid?

- No, each Commissioner has volunteered their time and talent to serve on the Redistricting Commission.
- Each commissioner agrees to not seek election to a City public office within five years of adoption of the final redistricting plan.

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If we already have a form 700 on file, do we need to file another?

- o Yes, ALL applicants do need to file new statements of economic interests, using the Redistricting Commission's conflict of interest code, and going back 1 year from the date of their application.
- o What you may have on file would not have covered those categories or covered that filing period.

How do I fill out my Form 700?

- o Here is a sample of how to fill out the Cover Page of your Form 700. The Schedules should be filled out in accordance with the Redistricting Commission's conflict of interest code.

Can you clarify on the 5 -year prohibition to serve in a San Diego city Public Office after serving on the Redistricting Commission?

- Per Charter, section 5.1, "Persons who accept appointment as members of the Commission, at the time of their appointment, shall file a written declaration with the City Clerk stating that within five years of the Commission's adoption of a final redistricting plan, they will not seek election to a San Diego City public office. Alternates shall sign the declaration if and when they become members of the Commission." (Emphasis added.) This prohibition on seeking elective office is only on seeking City "public" elective office - Mayor, City Attorney, Councilmember. No other offices are affected.

Would you need to resign if you are currently serving on a Community Planning Group or Town Council?

- They would not have to resign.

Are there any conflict of interests that will keep someone from being considered?

- The Appointing Authority may request legal advice regarding such questions at the time it considers applications. But all complete applications of any registered voter of the City of San Diego will be forwarded to the Appointing Authority for consideration.