

# **Who Can Serve on the Citizens Redistricting Commission?**

*(Note: The numbers below correspond to questions in the Initial Application)*

**Minimum Eligibility Requirements:** Under Proposition 11, you have to meet the following requirements to be eligible for the new redistricting commission:

- 1: You must have been registered to vote in California since November 18, 2005.
  - 2 & 3: You must have been registered to vote with the same political party since November 18, 2005 (or you must have been registered as a decline-to-state voter since November 18, 2005).
  - 4: You must have voted in at least two of the past three statewide general elections (November 2004, November 2006, November 2008).
- If you're not sure about your voter registration status or your history of voting, you can contact your county election official – go to [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_d.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_d.htm) to find out who that is.

**Conflicts of Interest:** Also, there are several things that will disqualify you from serving on the commission. If you have done any of the following things within the last ten years, then you are disqualified. The ten year period goes back from the date you apply for the commission. For example, if you apply for the commission on February 12, 2010, then you are disqualified if you have done any of these things since February 12, 2000:

5a (part 1): You were elected to or were a candidate for a Congressional seat within California or an elected state office in California (but you are not disqualified if you were elected to or ran for local office).

5a (part 2): You were appointed to a Congressional seat within California or any state office in California (such as a commission or board),

AND

you were appointed by the Governor, a state legislator, or a member of the Board of Equalization (but you are not disqualified if you were appointed by anyone else or you were appointed to a local office).

5b (part 1): You worked for a political party in California as an officer, employee or paid consultant (but you are not disqualified if you volunteered for a political party).

5b (part 2): You worked for the campaign committee of a candidate running for federal or state office in California (as an officer, employee or paid consultant). (But you are not disqualified if you volunteered for a candidate's campaign committee.)

- 5c: You served as an elected or appointed member of a political party central committee in California (such as a state central committee or a county central committee).
- 5d: You registered as a lobbyist with the California Secretary of State or any local government within California.
- 5e: You registered as a federal lobbyist – i.e. you registered as a lobbyist with the U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives.
- 5f: You were employed as paid staff for the state legislature, the Board of Equalization, or a member of Congress elected from California (but you are not disqualified if you worked as a staffer for a local public official).
- 5g: You contributed at least \$2,000 in any one year to any one candidate running for Congress or an elected office in California (but you are not disqualified for contributions to presidential candidates or candidates outside of California).<sup>1</sup>
- 9a to 9g: You are also disqualified if a member of your immediate family has done any of the things listed above within the past ten years AND you have a “bona fide” relationship with the family member. Immediate family members include your spouse, registered domestic partner, parent, child, brother or sister, or in-law (in-laws include your spouse or domestic partner’s parents and siblings, as well as your child’s spouse or domestic partner). See the accompanying worksheet for more information.

**Disqualifying Relationships:** You cannot serve on the commission if –

- 6: You are staff or a consultant to the Governor, a state legislator, a member of Congress, or a member of the Board of Equalization.
- 7: You are a person under a contract with the Governor, a state legislator, a member of Congress, or a member of the Board of Equalization.
- 8: You are an immediate family member of the Governor, a state legislator, a member of Congress, or a member of the Board of Equalization.

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<sup>1</sup> You can look up your past political contributions at the following websites:

Federal: [www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/advindsea.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/advindsea.shtml)  
State: <http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/campaign/candidates>  
Local: Contact your local city clerk or county elections office