



INDEPENDENT DISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Duties

With the assistance of City staff and an expert consultant, the Commission must recommend a districting plan that divides the City into 6 Council election districts which comply with state and federal election laws. These districts will be used for future elections of Merced City Council Members.

Eligibility to Serve

The Districting Committee will consist of at least 7 members. The following persons are eligible to apply and serve:

- Current resident of the City of Merced
- Eligible to be a registered voter of the City of Merced
- Not a sitting elected official
- No conflict of interest under applicable law
- Adequate time available to be able to participate in the work of the Committee
- Not a paid political operative for individual candidates or registered political parties
- Have knowledge of Merced's neighborhoods, geography, diversity and communities of interest.

Selection Process

Individuals desiring to serve on the Districting Committee may submit an application to the City Clerk during the application period of December 22, 2014 – January 30, 2015.

The Merced County League of Women Voters (LWV) will consider applications to recommend the 14 more qualified applicants. The LWV will consider the applicant's:

- Geo-diversity
- Ability to serve impartially in a non-partisan role
- In addition, and to the extent possible and permitted by law, the LWV shall consider available information which would assist them in creating an applicant pool of men and women who are reflective of the City's racial and ethnic diversity.

From the pool of 14 candidates, the 7 top qualified will be recommended to Council for appointment. The next 7 qualified will be identified to Council in the event that the first 7 nominees are not approved as a block.

Meetings

Applicants to the Committee must be available for 2-3 meetings per month from March to December, including at least four community meetings in the northeast and southwest regions of Merced.

Timeline

The members of the Committee will be appointed as soon as practicable, with the goal of having the members determined by March 2015, and have the City Council approval of the Final Districting Plan by December 31, 2015.



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT DISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, OR BY MAIL: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
678 W. 18TH STREET, MERCED, 95340

LAST NAME FIRST NAME M.I.

HOME ADDRESS ZIP PHONE

EMPLOYER JOB TITLE EMAIL ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS ZIP BUSINESS PHONE

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN CITY OF MERCED ____ YRS ____ MTHS	ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER OF THE CITY OF MERCED? ____ YES ____ NO	IF YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED VOTER, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE? ____ YES ____ NO	DO YOU HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO SERVE? ____ YES ____ NO
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WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE MEASURE "T" DISTRICTING COMMISSION:

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS YOUR ROLE ON THE COMMISSION:

PLEASE LIST YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

PLEASE LIST YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE:

PLEASE LIST ANY PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:

PLEASE LIST ANY CIVIC OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE INCLUDING PREVIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE APPOINTMENTS:

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE MEASURE "T" COMMISSION VACANCIES?

- Newspaper
- Utility Bill Insert
- Website
- Other _____



ETHNIC BACKGROUND:

Choose the one (ONLY ONE) ethnic group with which you most closely identify yourself:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Black
- Hispanic
- White
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Other _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE CITY OF MERCED

