

§ 60805. Appreciation for California's Diverse Demographics and Geography

(a) "Appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography" means all of the following:

(1) An understanding that California's population consists of individuals sharing certain demographic characteristics that may reflect their preferences concerning political representation, including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and economic status.

(2) An understanding that the people of California reside in many different localities with distinct geographic characteristics that may reflect the preferences of the residents concerning their political representation, including, but not limited to, urban, suburban, rural, industrial, agricultural, coastal, inland, arid, and temperate.

(3) A recognition that California benefits by having effective participation in the electoral process by persons of all demographic characteristics and residing in all geographic locations, including, but not limited to, participation by those persons who in the past, as a consequence of sharing certain demographic characteristics, such as race and ethnicity, have had less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the electoral process.

(b) An applicant may demonstrate an appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography through a description of that appreciation and through occupational, academic, volunteer, or other life experiences that show this appreciation, such as:

(1) Working on one or more projects that involve or affect Californians having different backgrounds or residing in different areas, and therefore having differing interests, yet achieving results that are acceptable to these different Californians.

(2) Studying the voting behavior of Californians in various areas of the state for the purpose of improving the effectiveness of the electoral process.

(3) Traveling throughout California and meeting with people having different backgrounds in order to recruit them for employment or some other endeavor, or to build consensus on some issue or idea.

[Note: Authority cited: *Section 8546, Government Code*. Reference: *Section 8252, Government Code*.]