



2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission | APPLICATION

Application for Alicia Fernandez

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Initial Application

Below is the initial application for the Citizens Redistricting Commission. In this section of the application you will be asked to provide personal information that will assist the Applicant Review Panel in processing your application.

You do not have to complete the entire application at one time. At any point, you can save your application using the "Save Application" button. After the application has been saved, you can return to this site to complete the application using your email and password if you choose to set one. Be sure to submit your initial application on or before August 19, 2019.

All fields with * are required to submit the application.

Identification Information

First Name*:

Alicia

Middle name:

Last Name*:

Fernandez

Suffix (Sr., II, Esq., etc.):

Physical Address

City*:

Clarksburg

State (if temporarily residing outside of California):

CA

Zip/Postal Code*:

95612

County:

Yolo

Country (if temporarily residing outside of the United States):

Mailing Address (If different than Physical Address)

City:

CLARKSBURG

State (if temporarily residing outside of California):

Ca

Zip/Postal Code:

95612

Country (if temporarily residing outside of the United States):

United States

Gender

Gender*:

- Female Male Nonbinary

Racial or Ethnic Background

Select the circle that best describes your race/ethnicity*

Latino Group

- Cuban
 Mexican/Mexican American
 Puerto Rican
 Other Hispanic/Latino Groups

Pacific Islander Group

- Guamanian or Chamorro
 Hawaiian
 Samoan
 Other Pacific Islander Group

Asian Group

- Asian Indian
 Cambodian
 Chinese
 Filipino
 Japanese
 Korean
 Laotian
 Vietnamese
 Other Asian Group

Other Groups

- Aleut
 American Indian/Native American
 Black/African American
 Eskimo
 White
 Other Racial Group

If other please specify:

The Voters FIRST Act is designed to produce a Citizens Redistricting Commission that is reasonably representative of the state's diversity. This information is required to help the Applicant Review Panel identify a diverse pool of the most qualified applicants. Although your specific date of birth will remain confidential, your age may be calculated from your date of birth and made public.

Economic Status

What was your total household income during the past 12 months?*

- Under \$35,000
 \$35,000 - \$74,999

- \$75,000 - \$124,999
- \$125,000 - \$250,000
- Over \$250,000

Eligibility Information

If you are uncertain about your prior voting registration, voting record, or party affiliation, we suggest that you contact the county clerk or voter registrar in the county in which you resided during the period of time in question. The contact information and address for California's county elections offices can be found at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>.

1. Have you been continuously registered to vote in the State of California since July 1, 2015?*

- Yes
- No

2. With what party are you registered?*

- No Party Preference (Formerly known as Decline to State)
- American Independent Party
- Democratic Party
- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- Peace and Freedom Party
- Republican Party
- Other

If other, please specify:

3. Has your political party affiliation remained the same since July 1, 2015?

- Yes
- No

4. Indicate in which of the last three statewide general elections you voted, (check all that apply)*:

- November 2014 (Gubernatorial)
- November 2016 (Presidential)
- November 2018 (Gubernatorial)

Conflicts of Interest

The Voters FIRST Act (Act) is designed to produce a Citizens Redistricting Commission that is independent from legislative influence and, therefore, disqualifies from service any person having a *conflict of interest* as defined by the Act. The information below is required to help the State Auditor and the Applicant Review Panel identify any conflicts of interest you may have.

5. Have you done any of the following **within 10 years of the date you submit this application**:

5a. Have you within 10 years of the date you submit this application been [appointed to](#), elected to, or a [candidate](#) for a California congressional or [state office](#) (*Appointed* means appointed by the Governor, a member of the Legislature, or a member of the State Board of Equalization; or served at the pleasure of the Governor, a member of the Legislature, or a member of the State Board of Equalization)?*

- Yes
- No

5b. Have you within 10 years of the date you submit this application served as an officer, employee, or [paid consultant](#) of a California [political party](#), or of the [campaign committee](#) of a [candidate](#) for a California congressional or elective [state office](#)?*

- Yes
- No

5c. Have you within 10 years of the date you submit this application served as an elected or appointed member of a [political party central committee](#) in California?*

Yes No

5d. Have you within 10 years of the date you submit this application [been a lobbyist registered with the State of California or a California local government](#)?*

Yes No

5e. Have you within 10 years of the date you submit this application [been a registered federal lobbyist](#)?*

Yes No

5f. Have you within 10 years of the date you submit this application [served as a paid California congressional, legislative, or State Board of Equalization staff](#)?*

Yes No

5g. Have you within 10 years of the date you submit this application [contributed \\$2,500 or more to any California congressional, state, or local candidate for elective public office within any single calendar year?\(This amount has been adjusted using the California Consumer Price Index.\)](#)*

Yes No

6. Are you currently serving as [staff](#), or as a [consultant](#) to the Governor of California, a member of the California Legislature, a California member of Congress, or a member of the State Board of Equalization?*

Yes No

7. Are you currently under contract with the Governor of California, a member of the California Legislature, a California member of Congress, or a member of the State Board of Equalization?*

Yes No

When answering questions 8 and 9, *immediate family* means your parents, step-parents, spouse, registered domestic partner, children, step-children, siblings, step-siblings, parents-in-law, siblings-in-law, and sons- and daughters-in-law with whom you have done the following:

- [Cohabitated with for a period or periods totaling 30 days or more during the past 12 months](#) or
- [Shared ownership of any real or personal property having a total value of \\$1,000 or more during the past 12 months](#) or
- [Provided or received a financial benefit totaling \\$1,000 or more during the past 12 months](#)

8. Do you have an immediate family relationship with the Governor of California, a member of the California Legislature, a California member of Congress, or a member of the State Board of Equalization?*

Yes No

9. Has a member of your immediate family done any of the following **within 10 years of the date you submit this application**:

9a. Has a member of your immediate family within 10 years of the date you submit this application been [appointed to](#), elected to, or a [candidate](#) for a California congressional or [state office](#)? (*Appointed* means appointed by the Governor, a member of the Legislature, or a member of the State Board of Equalization, or served at the pleasure of the Governor, a member of the Legislature, or a member of the State Board of Equalization)?*

Yes No

9b. Has a member of your immediate family within 10 years of the date you submit this application served as an officer, employee, or [paid consultant](#) of a California [political party](#) or of the [campaign committee](#) of a [candidate](#) for a California congressional or elective [state office](#)?*

Yes No

9c. Has a member of your immediate family within 10 years of the date you submit this application served as an elected or appointed member of a [political party central committee](#) in California?*

Yes No

9d. Has a member of your immediate family within 10 years of the date you submit this application [been a lobbyist registered with the State of California or a California local government?](#)*

Yes No

9e. Has a member of your immediate family within 10 years of the date you submit this application [been a registered federal lobbyist?](#)*

Yes No

9f. Has a member of your immediate family within 10 years of the date you submit this application [served as a paid California congressional, legislative, or State Board of Equalization staff?](#)*

Yes No

9g. Has a member of your immediate family within 10 years of the date you submit this application [contributed \\$2,500 or more to any California congressional, state, or local candidate for elective public office within any single calendar year?](#) (This amount has been adjusted using the California Consumer Price Index.)*

Yes No

PRIVACY NOTIFICATION AND WAIVER

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND REASON FOR COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The Voters FIRST Act (Act) and the regulations implementing the Act require that the selection of commissioners for the Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) be open to public scrutiny and the press (California Constitution, Article XXI, section 2, subdivision (c); Government Code sections 8252, 11120, 11121, and 11125.1; California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 60835, 60836, 60842, and 60846). The Act also requires the California State Auditor's Office (State Auditor's Office) to select 60 of the most qualified applicants based upon their voter affiliation; eligibility to serve pursuant to Article XXI of the California Constitution; the absence of any conflicts of interest; relevant analytical skills; ability to be impartial; appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography; and racial, ethnic, geographic, gender, and economic diversity. To determine each applicant's identity and qualifications to serve on the Commission and to track the demographic information of the applicant pool, this application seeks personal information about applicants that will be provided to the Applicant Review Panel, State Auditor's Office staff, and the public, including members of the press, the Legislature, and the Commission.

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT PROVIDING ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION

Failure to provide all of the requested information will result in your disqualification and the removal of your name from the applicant pool. Thus, if you wish to serve on the Commission, it is mandatory that you submit a response for each item of information requested.

PERMISSION TO USE AND RELEASE PERSONAL INFORMATION

By submitting this application, you acknowledge that the application, all documents submitted in support of your application, including a Statement of Economic Interests (FPPC Form 700) if you are asked to submit one, letters of recommendation, materials generated as a result of any State Auditor's Office or Applicant Review Panel investigation of you, and all public comments and responses to public comments about your application are public records. You agree that the State Auditor's Office shall provide copies of these materials to members of the public and the press, members and staff of the Applicant Review Panel, State Auditor's Office staff, the Legislature, the Commission, and as otherwise compelled by law. You understand that members of the Applicant Review Panel and the public may make public statements about you. You authorize the State Auditor's Office to use the information submitted by and about you as the State Auditor's Office deems necessary to select commissioners, replacement commissioners, or otherwise comply with its legal duties. You also authorize the State Auditor's Office to post all materials related to your application to serve on the Commission on its website and any website authorized by the State Auditor's Office.

VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF PRIVACY RIGHTS AND STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE LIABILITY

By applying to be a commissioner, you are waiving your privacy and other rights under various state and federal laws including, but not limited to, the Information Practices Act (Cal. Civil Code section 1798 et seq.), and any defamation, invasion of privacy, and negligence claim you may have against the State Auditor's Office and those acting on its behalf. Accordingly, by waiving your privacy rights, you are agreeing to permit the State Auditor's Office to release any and all information submitted by or about you, EXCEPT that the State Auditor's Office will not post on the Internet your date of birth; physical, mailing, and email addresses (excluding the city and county); telephone numbers; the addresses and telephone numbers of your immediate family members; or any materials that the State Auditor's Office deems offensive. At this point in the process, the State Auditor's Office will not collect, and you should not voluntarily submit to the State Auditor's Office, your social security number, driver's license number, financial account numbers, or health information. By submitting your application, you acknowledge and consent to the release of the information you and others are providing related to you and, except as specifically provided above, you are waiving your right to privacy regarding all information relating to you and your application to serve as a commissioner. This waiver authorizes the State Auditor's Office to make public information submitted by or about you for a period of 12 years from the date of your application, even if you are not selected as a commissioner. You are providing

this waiver voluntarily, understanding that the State Auditor's Office shall not be legally liable as a result of the release of information submitted by or about you or as the result of comments made about you by others, and that the State Auditor's Office will post on its website or otherwise release publicly. This includes claims of defamation, invasion of privacy, negligence, and any other statutory or common law claims.

WHOM TO CONTACT

You have a right to review personal information the State Auditor's Office maintains about you and to verify its accuracy. Please contact the State Auditor's Office's Information Privacy Officer at (916) 445-0255; 621 Capitol Mall, Suite 1200, Sacramento, California, 95814; if you would like to view or obtain information about the location of your records and the categories of persons who use the information in your records.

Affirmation

I affirm, by entering my initials in the box, that the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I have read and understand the Privacy Notification and Waiver.

Initials*: af

Submitted At: 07/27/2019 2:57:54PM

Supplemental Application

Congratulations on moving forward to the supplemental application for the Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission). You must provide an answer to all questions that apply to you. If you miss a question, you will be prompted to answer missing responses before you can submit the application.

You do not have to complete the entire application at one time. At any point, you can save your application using the "Save Application" button. After the application has been saved, you can use your email address and password to return to this site to complete the application. Be sure to submit your supplemental application on or before October 20, 2019.

All fields with * are required to submit the application.

Part 1: Essay Questions:

The response to each of the following essay questions is limited to no more than 3200 characters including spaces (approximately 500 words). The response fields below will allow you to cut and paste text from any word processing program such as Microsoft Word.

1. Please describe why you wish to serve on the Commission and why you think it's important*:

In my opinion, the importance of the Citizens Redistricting Commission is to draw district boundaries that are representative of their communities' areas of interest, not a political party. In November 2008, voters approved the creation of this new impartial commission to take the responsibility of the redistricting process away from the elected Legislators. I believe the hope was to have the district boundaries be reflective of the communities, not the incumbent Legislators who drew the boundaries for their own self-interests and self-preservation. It is important that the district boundaries be drawn to appropriately reflect the demographics of that area without influence from political pressures.

People need to be reenergized in their faith in the legislative system. We need to have them come out to vote, exercise their right, and see it as a way to voice their opinions to help pave the future. Our residents saw the Legislature as disconnected. If the Legislature is reflective of the pulse of its residents, there should be a renewed interest in participating in the electoral system by voting. This needs to be a partnership not an adversarial environment.

I want to be part of this impartial process, to hopefully reenergize Californians into believing their voice has an impact on decisions and to help shape the future of California. I enjoy going to new places, listening to what's important to everyone because it is all relevant, and everyone and every community have different priorities, wants, and dreams that should not be ignored or dismissed. I believe I have the temperament, background, knowledge, and experience to be an asset to not only the commission but to the people of California by representing them on the Citizens Redistricting Commission. I have the dedication to follow this through by being available as needed and listening to the people. This would be another step in my giving back to the people of this state, and doing my best to ensure the district boundaries are drawn to be reflective of their personality.

I would appreciate being part of an effort to shorten the gap between the politicians and its residents. I believe we can make headway in building confidence in our legislative process by being transparent in our efforts and obtaining feedback from as many communities as possible. I do that now as the School Board President of the River Delta Unified School District. I welcome feedback from the community and concerned constituents. I want to do the best we can to have the residents feel involved and heard which

will hopefully lead to healthier communication between them and the elected officials. The school district has recently redrawn the district trustee boundary areas, ensuring the communities were represented with similar interests and demographics. Although this effort was at a much smaller scale than statewide redistricting, it was representative of remapping boundary areas to reflect the areas' population and communities.

2. Please explain what it means to be *impartial* and describe your ability to exercise impartiality as set forth in [2CCR §60800](#). Provide examples of times when you had to set aside your personal views in order to achieve a common goal. How will your ability to be impartial assist you if you are selected to be a commissioner? You may include with this description any occupational, academic, volunteer, or other life experiences you have had that demonstrate this ability*:

To be impartial is to have the ability to set aside your own personal views and opinions in order to evaluate the information provided to ensure decisions made are fair to all affected. We all have biases that change throughout our lives based on our family, community, education, experiences, culture, and personal interests. The challenge is to recognize those biases and learn to use them to strengthen and broaden you as a person in order to respect the differences.

I truly do not believe I have any personal, family, financial relationships, commitments, or aspirations that would improperly influence me from making a redistricting decision. I do voice my opinion and back my opinions with data when applicable, but I am also open to others' points of view. We have to listen and be open minded to see what is important to them, and appreciate the similarities and respect the differences.

I do have strong opinions but I am also able to listen and take in different points of view. I have the capacity to set aside my points of view to appreciate others' opinions. I attempt to make decisions that are fair to everyone affected. We don't know everything, and willing to be open to opposing viewpoints makes us a stronger united front.

As a school board trustee for the last thirteen years, I have continually set aside my personal opinions and goals to ensure the decisions made are in the best interest of all students in the district, not just those in my trustee area. For example, a few years ago we went through budget cuts throughout the district. I set aside my own wants to ensure the cuts were equal throughout the district school sites so that no school or area was more heavily impacted. Many times I have supported and voted for decisions that did not necessarily benefit my trustee area but were the best solutions for all students in the district.

When I ran against the incumbent for school board, we ran a grass roots campaign. That was probably one of the most educational experiences I had as we walked every neighborhood and I was able to understand their priorities and issues. I ran a "Kids first" campaign and continued to go back to that mantra to ensure I was doing the right thing for the whole, not for the part.

Also, as a Special Agent my recommendations as to whether to open investigations rely solely on the information and documentation received, regardless of previous knowledge of the subject or subject matter. Further, while conducting my investigations I consistently presented information that was free of opinions so as to ensure an unbiased, impartial report.

I am very passionate in my beliefs so I have an appreciation for others who are just as passionate about their beliefs. It's been a very moving experience to come to this realization as I have actually changed my position a few times, and even when I didn't change my position, I respected their differing viewpoints and understood we had more in common than I had anticipated.

Please refer to the letters of recommendations for further examples of my ability to be impartial.

3. All commissioners must demonstrate an appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography as set forth in [2 CCR §60805](#). Please describe your appreciation for California's diversity and provide any occupational, academic, volunteer, or other life experiences you have had that demonstrate this appreciation*:

California is truly the melting pot of the world. We have many different demographic characteristics that possibly encompasses all races and ethnicities. We have the opportunity to collaborate and build on our differences because in the end, most of us have similar goals, wants, and needs. Once we stop focusing on our differences, we can see the commonalities and build a better, stronger California for future generations. We need to make people feel included instead of excluded in the political process.

The challenge is being able to change people's opinions, or at a minimum having them listen and educating them on differing viewpoints. I believe I have the ability to welcomed others' opinions, culture, and beliefs because I know how difficult it is to feel as if you belong. In the end we share much in common and those things that aren't common, are not necessarily wrong, but just different. We are all unique as are our beliefs and values. If I expect to be accepted and respected, then I in turn need to accept and respect others, regardless of how different we are.

I have had the opportunity to volunteer in different venues, mainly in the education arena and in socioeconomically challenged areas. For many years, I have volunteered at elementary schools with a large percentage of English-learner students. It has been very rewarding to see a kindergartener speaking and reading English by the end of the school year. In the end, we can learn much from children, from their unbiases, their quest for learning, and their easy acceptance of others.

Being a School Board Trustee has been educational as I have learned the issues and priorities of each represented area. I had assumed since we were all farming communities, we all had the same priorities and goals. How mistaken I was. This is the same for the rest of California, even neighboring communities have different wants and needs. Diversity means differences, not bad or good but just differences.

We need representation to match the demographics of Californians. For example, the school district I represent was over 50% Hispanic yet they had never been represented during my decades in the area. In my opinion their needs weren't being addressed as the board members didn't understand their struggles which in turn led to decisions being made without being appropriately educated about all of their students' needs. As such, I ran against the incumbent and won. It was truly a grass roots effort as we canvassed each community. This was a rewarding process as I gained a better understanding and appreciation for each community. Instead of thinking I would be educating them, they educated me in understanding we all wanted the best for our students and children. Also, by my being able to educate my fellow board members on the struggles and challenges of the migrant and low-income population, in my opinion, we made better decisions by understanding the needs of our diverse district.

As I learned, even in a small area there is diversity, and on a bigger level, the diversity is compounded. The importance is understanding the differences and making decisions based on that knowledge.

4. Please describe the relevant analytical skills (as described in [2 CCR §60827](#)) you possess that you believe make you a strong candidate for the Commission. You may include, but are not limited to, with this description any occupational, academic, volunteer, or other life experiences you have had that demonstrate those skills*:

Since I can remember I have always loved and excelled in mathematics, marveling in how number manipulation can greatly change the position of a financial scenario. With that, I received my undergraduate and graduate degrees in business management, with a concentration in finance which entailed many mathematical-related classes such as pre-calculus, statistics, business math, and managerial finance.

The first opportunity to utilize the analytical skills I learned in college was during my first full-time job as an auditor where I researched education code, developed audit programs, researched financial data, and then audited the local educational agencies in said education code. I reviewed their financial records and internal control processes, and made recommendations on how to improve their procedures.

Probably one of my favorite jobs was as a budget analyst for the Department of Corrections. I was responsible for analyzing the budgets for my assigned institutions. I reviewed their expenditure detail, accounting records, prior years' expenditures, current year projections, and the expenditure activity of other institutions. I made recommendations for budget revisions which I always backed with supporting documentation.

As an education fiscal services consultant, I analyzed the fiscal condition of several local educational agencies, proposed district reorganizations, and charter school budgets. This entailed reviewing detailed financial reports, preparing multi-year projections, and making recommendations on the fiscal viability of the proposals.

As a school board trustee, annually I review and approve the district's financial reports to include the first and second interim reports, proposed budget, and year-end reports. I review the detailed information presented and question areas of concern. I compare current year to prior year expenditures to determine appropriateness of the information presented. Also, when we recently redrew the school board trustee areas, I reviewed the proposed mapping options and requested revised maps that would represent communities better. I read the applicable education code to ensure we were mapping the boundaries in accordance with the law. This process was conducted in a public forum.

As a Deputy Inspector General I conducted fraud investigations (workers compensation, doctors' billing practices, substance abuse program) which involved reviewing various detailed reports to include expenditure information, documentation to support the expenditures reported, and video camera footage to confirm the documentation provided.

As a special agent every case required me to review detailed documents, often times acquiring subject matter experts to differentiate facts from opinions. The documents encompassed policies, financial data, and other supporting evidence. I also had to determine the best way to present the information which was always in writing and many times I included spreadsheets to present the information in a format that was easier to understand.

Refer to my employment history and letters of recommendation for further examples of my analytical skills.

Part 2: General Information

Secondary Education

Did you graduate from high school?*

Yes No

If not, do you possess a GED or equivalent?

Yes No

If you did not complete high school and did not obtain your GED, enter the highest grade you completed:

University or College, Business, Correspondence, Trade, or Service School(s) Attended

Post-Secondary Education

School Name and Location*: California State University, Sacramento
Course of Study/Major*: Business Administration (Finance)
Diploma, Degree, or Certificate Obtained. If not obtained, state "none"*: Bachelor of Science
Number of Years Attended*: 5
Date completed, if any. If not completed, state N/A*: December 1988

Post-Secondary Education

School Name and Location*: California State University, Sacramento
Course of Study/Major*: Business Administration
Diploma, Degree, or Certificate Obtained. If not obtained, state "none"*: Master of Business Administration
Number of Years Attended*: 2
Date completed, if any. If not completed, state N/A*: May 1991

Employment History

- Begin with your most recent job.
- List each job separately.
- Employment history must include at least the last 10 years. Employment job classifications may include retired, volunteer, not employed outside the home, or not employed. Please account for all of your time during the past 10 years.
- Include all employment history you believe is relevant beyond 10 years.

Employment History

From* (mm/dd/yyyy): 10/1/2017
To* (mm/dd/yyyy): present
Employer Name*: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)
Title/Job Classification (include range or level, if applicable)*: Senior Special Agent
Total Worked (years/months)*: 2 years
Description of Duties Performed*:

Train, monitor, assign, manage, and direct the day-to-day activities of Special Agents with regard to their assigned internal affairs investigations and special projects. Approve all casework and completed investigation reports. Liaison with internal/external stakeholders and external law enforcement agencies.

Employment History

From* (mm/dd/yyyy): 08/12/2013
To* (mm/dd/yyyy): 09/30/2017
Employer Name*: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Title/Job Classification (include range or level, if applicable)*: Special Agent
Total Worked (years/months)*: 4 years/1 month

Description of Duties Performed*:

Review/compile evidence/information relative to assigned investigations, identify allegations of misconduct, conduct witness/subject interviews, and prepare an investigation report. For investigation requests also complete written case analysis and brief cases weekly. Process internally filed discrimination complaints.

Employment History

From* (mm/dd/yyyy): 11/16/2009

To* (mm/dd/yyyy): 08/11/2013

Employer Name*: Office of the Inspector General

Title/Job Classification (include range or level, if applicable)*: Deputy Inspector General, Senior

Total Worked (years/months)*: 3 years/9 months

Description of Duties Performed*:

Manage and supervise staff in the Discipline Monitoring Unit, Fraud Investigations Unit, Medical Inspection program, background investigations, and warden/superintendent vettings. Liaison with the Governors' Appointment Unit and the CDCR Executive Appointments Unit. Present bi-weekly updates to management.

Employment History

From* (mm/dd/yyyy): 04/02/2006

To* (mm/dd/yyyy): 11/15/2009

Employer Name*: Office of the Inspector General

Title/Job Classification (include range or level, if applicable)*: Deputy Inspector General

Total Worked (years/months)*: 3 years, 7 months

Description of Duties Performed*:

Investigate allegations of illegal activities or irregularities by CDCR correctional staff, contractors, vendors, or inmates. Conduct reviews of correctional wardens to evaluate performance and compliance with state management practices. Conduct special reviews of correctional practices/ programs to report compliance.

Employment History

From* (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/02/2001

To* (mm/dd/yyyy): 04/01/2006

Employer Name*: California Department of Education

Title/Job Classification (include range or level, if applicable)*: Education Fiscal Services Consultant

Total Worked (years/months)*: 4 years/4 months

Description of Duties Performed*:

Analyze the fiscal and management condition of local educational agencies. Analyze/review the State sponsored charter schools' fiscal reports. Complete a fiscal analysis of proposed district reorganizations. Prepare legislation, legislative bill analysis, and department correspondence relating to public school finance.

Employment History

From* (mm/dd/yyyy): 07/10/2000

To* (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/01/2001

Employer Name*: California Public Employees' Retirement System

Title/Job Classification (include range or level, if applicable)*: Staff Services Manager II

Total Worked (years/months)*: 1 year/5 months

Description of Duties Performed*:

Supervise staff responsible for trade processing, trade activity settlement, and determining daily cash needs. Coordinate efforts for new investment strategies. Develop and implement appropriate communication protocols with internal staff and external entities to coordinate settlement activities and issues.

Employment History

From* (mm/dd/yyyy): 03/02/1998

To* (mm/dd/yyyy): 07/09/2000

Employer Name*: California Public Employees' Retirement System

Title/Job Classification (include range or level, if applicable)*: Staff Administrative Analyst

Total Worked (years/months)*: 2 years/4 months

Description of Duties Performed*:

Responsible for the analysis, development, testing, and implementation of the Investment Accounting and Reconciliation (IAR) system. Plan, organize, and direct staff assigned to the IAR Team. Track and analyze the budget to include preparing executive reports and budget requests, and addressing budgetary discrepancies.

Employment History

From* (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/10/1990

To* (mm/dd/yyyy): 06/06/1994

Employer Name*: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Title/Job Classification (include range or level, if applicable)*: Staff Services Analyst/Associate Budget Analyst

Total Worked (years/months)*: 3 years/6 months

Description of Duties Performed*:

Review and analyze Headquarters' and Institutions' expenditures and projection reports. Prepare annual budgets and budget changes for institutions. Review, analyze, then prepare and present recommendations on budget change proposals to executive staff. Prepare various budget schedules and Section 28 letters.

Activities

Describe the professional, social, political, volunteer, community activities, and causes in which you have been involved or that you have financially supported as discussed in [2 CCR §60847](#). The response to this question is limited to no more than 3200 characters including spaces (approximately 500 words). You may cut and paste text from any word processing program such as Microsoft Word*:

Since December 2006, I have been an elected School Board Trustee of the River Delta Unified School District. I have been President for at least six of those years, Vice President for two years, and Secretary for two years. Unless specifically related to closed session material, our meetings are conducted in open session. We always have a public comment portion where attendees can address areas of concern that are not covered in the agenda. Also, during action items we allow public input and appreciate the community residents being involved and providing their feedback. Although I always try to obtain as much information as possible prior to making decisions, having community involvement is valuable and important as it allows us to see the human impact of decisions being contemplated.

As noted in the responses to the prior supplemental questions, the recent redistricting of the school district trustee boundary areas was based on the census information. I reviewed the education code language to ensure we were in compliance with the specific code sections, and I requested different options to ensure the communities would be appropriately represented.

I was a board member for a Christian youth basketball league for over six years. Because I did not have any children participating in the league, I ensured impartiality when others wanted to make decisions that only affected their child instead of considering the impact to the entire league.

I have coached youth basketball, soccer, and high school volleyball. I have been on the school site council for my local elementary school. I am active at St. Joseph Catholic Church, having taught Catholic Faith Formation for four years, taking communion to the sick, and helping as requested. I have volunteered at elementary schools and helped the community with fundraising activities for the youth. This has been rewarding as I have been able to meet families that have different background and needs.

I have experience working with elected officials (School Board, CalPERS Board), a volunteer board (youth basketball), and various community efforts. I have worked collaboratively within the groups to ensure we remain focused. A win is when we find common ground, where we can all take away a positive.

One of my greatest challenge was helping lead the effort to open a charter school when the school board voted to close down our local elementary school. As an Education Fiscal Services Consultant, I was familiar with charter school laws and funding. We had strong community support and members that were well connected with the Legislature. We divided the responsibilities based on each individual's strengths. My area of expertise was on the fiscal side, developing a working budget and applying and obtaining a \$450,000 startup grant. As one can imagine, this took dedication from all involved and it was truly a grass roots effort as everyone stepped in to help where they could. We came from different backgrounds but had a common goal and were all focused on one mission. The charter was approved and we eventually opened a charter school in our community which is now flourishing with a waiting list.

Former Names, Nicknames or Aliases

Have you used or been known by any other names, nicknames, or aliases since you became an adult?*

- Yes No

If you have used or were known by another name, nickname, or alias, list each former name, nickname, or alias, the dates you used the other name, nickname, or alias, and the address and county where you resided when you used the other name, nickname, or alias. If you changed your name through a court filing, provide the name of the court that granted your name change:

Alicia Fernandez-Agnew, July 1986 to December 1991, Sacramento County

Criminal History

Have you ever been convicted of a felony by any court?*

- Yes No

Voting Information

When you voted in any of the last three statewide general elections (i.e. the elections in November 2014, November 2016, and November 2018), did you vote using a different name or address than those you used on the initial application?*

- Yes No

Former Residences

List all of the places you have lived for 30 days or more at one time during the last 10 years (do not include information for where you lived prior to your 18th birthday). This does not include your current residence. If you lived in temporary housing while permanently residing somewhere else, note that with an * in the street address line:

Financial Contributions

List all of the monetary and non-monetary contributions valued at a total of \$250 or more that you have made in any single calendar year during the past two years to any professional, social, political, volunteer, and/or community organization or cause. Begin with your most recent contribution:

Financial Contribution

Date of Contribution, if known*: 2019 to date

Organization*: St. Joseph Catholic Church

Location*: Clarksburg, CA

Amount*: \$1.030

Financial Contribution

Date of Contribution, if known*: 2017

Organization*: Jesuit High School

Location*: Carmichael, CA

Amount*: \$440

Financial Contribution

Date of Contribution, if known*: 2017

Organization*: Goodwill

Location*: Sacramento, CA

Amount*: \$1,434

Financial Contribution

Date of Contribution, if known*: 2019 to date

Organization*: Jesuit High School

Location*: Carmichael, CA

Amount*: \$960

Financial Contribution

Date of Contribution, if known*: 2018

Organization*: St. Joseph Catholic Church

Location*: Clarksburg, CA

Amount*: \$1,505

Financial Contribution

Date of Contribution, if known*: 2018

Organization*: St. Anthony Catholic Church

Location*: Sacramento, CA

Amount*: \$295

Financial Contribution

Date of Contribution, if known*: 2018

Organization*: Jesuit High School

Location*: Carmichael, CA
Amount*: \$2,093

Financial Contribution

Date of Contribution, if known*: 2018
Organization*: Franklin High School
Location*: Elk Grove, CA
Amount*: \$1,500

Financial Contribution

Date of Contribution, if known*: 2018
Organization*: Goodwill
Location*: Sacramento, CA
Amount*: \$1,426

Financial Contribution

Date of Contribution, if known*: 2017
Organization*: St. Joseph Catholic Church
Location*: Clarksburg, CA
Amount*: \$1,685

Financial Contribution

Date of Contribution, if known*: 2017
Organization*: St. Jude Children's Hospital
Location*: Memphis, TN
Amount*: \$260

Part 3: Family Information

You must provide information about each living family member described in this paragraph. Information about each of your family members is necessary to determine whether you have a conflict of interest that would prohibit you from serving on the Citizens Redistricting Commission. In this part of the application, you must provide information about your living parents, spouse, registered domestic partner (RDP), children, siblings, parents-in-law, siblings-in-law, sons-and daughters-in-law. Step-parents, step-children, and step-siblings count as parents, children, and siblings.

Do you have any immediate family members as described?*

Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Spouse/Registered Domestic Partner (RDP)

Name*: Carlito Lamera

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

- Been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for a California congressional or state office. ("Appointed" means appointed by the Governor, a member of the Legislature, or a member of the State Board of Equalization, or served at the pleasure of the Governor, a member of the Legislature, or a member of the State Board of Equalization.)
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- Been a lobbyist registered with the State of California or a California local government.
- Been a registered federal lobbyist.
- Served as paid California congressional, legislative, or State Board of Equalization staff.
- Contributed \$2,500 or more during a calendar year to any California congressional, state, or local candidate for elective public office.

Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

For each family member you must indicate whether you have a special (bona fide) relationship with that person. You have a special (bona fide) relationship with a family member if during the past 12 months you have ([Guidance for determining Conflicts of Interest](#)):

1. [Cohabitated with that person for a period or periods totaling 30 days or more.](#)
2. [Shared with that person ownership of any real or personal property having a total value of \\$1,000 or more.](#)
3. [Provided to or received from that person a financial benefit totaling \\$1,000 or more.](#)

Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Sibling

Name*: Margarita Fernandez

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

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- Contributed \$2,500 or more during a calendar year to any California congressional, state, or local candidate for elective public office.

Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

For each family member you must indicate whether you have a special (bona fide) relationship with that person. You have a special (bona fide) relationship with a family member if during the past 12 months you have ([Guidance for determining Conflicts of Interest](#)):

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3. [Provided to or received from that person a financial benefit totaling \\$1,000 or more.](#)

Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Sibling

Name*: Bernardo Fernandez

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

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- Been a registered federal lobbyist.
- Served as paid California congressional, legislative, or State Board of Equalization staff.
- Contributed \$2,500 or more during a calendar year to any California congressional, state, or local candidate for elective public office.

Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

For each family member you must indicate whether you have a special (bona fide) relationship with that person. You have a special (bona fide) relationship with a family member if during the past 12 months you have ([Guidance for determining Conflicts of Interest](#)):

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2. [Shared with that person ownership of any real or personal property having a total value of \\$1,000 or more.](#)
3. [Provided to or received from that person a financial benefit totaling \\$1,000 or more.](#)

Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Child

Name*: Marcial Lamera

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

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- Contributed \$2,500 or more during a calendar year to any California congressional, state, or local candidate for elective public office.

Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

- Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

For each family member you must indicate whether you have a special (bona fide) relationship with that person. You have a special (bona fide) relationship with a family member if during the past 12 months you have ([Guidance for determining Conflicts of Interest](#)):

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2. [Shared with that person ownership of any real or personal property having a total value of \\$1,000 or more.](#)
3. [Provided to or received from that person a financial benefit totaling \\$1,000 or more.](#)

Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

- Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Child

Name*: Vicente Lamera

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

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- Been a registered federal lobbyist.
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- Contributed \$2,500 or more during a calendar year to any California congressional, state, or local candidate for elective public office.

Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

- Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

For each family member you must indicate whether you have a special (bona fide) relationship with that person. You have a special (bona fide) relationship with a family member if during the past 12 months you have ([Guidance for determining Conflicts of Interest](#)):

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

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3. [Provided to or received from that person a financial benefit totaling \\$1,000 or more.](#)

Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

- Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Sibling

Name*: Alma Fernandez

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

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- Been a registered federal lobbyist.
- Served as paid California congressional, legislative, or State Board of Equalization staff.
- Contributed \$2,500 or more during a calendar year to any California congressional, state, or local candidate for elective public office.

Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

- Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

For each family member you must indicate whether you have a special (bona fide) relationship with that person. You have a special (bona fide) relationship with a family member if during the past 12 months you have ([Guidance for determining Conflicts of Interest](#)):

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Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

- Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Sibling

Name*: Rosalia Fernandez Merwin

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

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Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

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Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Brother or Sister in-law: Spouse/RDP of Sibling

Name*: John Merwin

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

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Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

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3. [Provided to or received from that person a financial benefit totaling \\$1,000 or more.](#)

Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Sibling

Name*: Maria Elena Fernandez

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

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- Contributed \$2,500 or more during a calendar year to any California congressional, state, or local candidate for elective public office.

Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

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3. [Provided to or received from that person a financial benefit totaling \\$1,000 or more.](#)

Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Sibling

Name*: Ofelia Gutierrez

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

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Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

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3. [Provided to or received from that person a financial benefit totaling \\$1,000 or more.](#)

Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Brother or Sister in-law: Spouse/RDP of Sibling

Name*: David Gutierrez

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

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Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

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Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Brother or Sister in-law: Spouse/RDP of Sibling

Name*: Sujey Fernandez

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

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Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

For each family member you must indicate whether you have a special (bona fide) relationship with that person. You have a special (bona fide) relationship with a family member if during the past 12 months you have ([Guidance for determining Conflicts of Interest](#)):

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Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Brother or Sister in-law: Sibling of Spouse/RDP

Name*: Anthony Lamera

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

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Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

- Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

For each family member you must indicate whether you have a special (bona fide) relationship with that person. You have a special (bona fide) relationship with a family member if during the past 12 months you have ([Guidance for determining Conflicts of Interest](#)):

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2. [Shared with that person ownership of any real or personal property having a total value of \\$1,000 or more.](#)
3. [Provided to or received from that person a financial benefit totaling \\$1,000 or more.](#)

Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

- Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Brother or Sister in-law: Spouse/RDP of Your Spouse's/RDP's Sibling

Name*: Beverly Lamera

For this family member, you must state whether within the past 10 years this person has engaged in any of the activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest under the Voters FIRST Act. The following is a list of those activities:

- Been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for a California congressional or state office. ("Appointed" means appointed by the Governor, a member of the Legislature, or a member of the State Board of Equalization, or served at the pleasure of the Governor, a member of the Legislature, or a member of the State Board of Equalization.)
- Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a California political party or the campaign committee of a candidate for a California congressional or elective state office.
- Served as an elected or appointed member of a political party central committee operating in California.
- Been a lobbyist registered with the State of California or a California local government.
- Been a registered federal lobbyist.
- Served as paid California congressional, legislative, or State Board of Equalization staff.
- Contributed \$2,500 or more during a calendar year to any California congressional, state, or local candidate for elective public office.

Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

- Yes No

If the family member engaged in an activity when did the activity occur?

If the family member engaged in an activity what was the activity?

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Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Brother or Sister in-law: Sibling of Spouse/RDP

Name*: Bennett Lamera

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Yes No

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Do you have a special relationship with this person based on any of the three factors described?*

Yes No

Family Member

Relationship Type*: Brother or Sister in-law: Spouse/RDP of Your Spouse's/RDP's Sibling

Name*: Melinda Lamera

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Within the past 10 years, has the family member engaged in any of these activities that could cause you to have a conflict of interest?*

- Yes No

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Other Relevant Material

Describe any other relevant information that you consider important that was not otherwise requested in the application. The response to this question is limited to 3200 characters including spaces (approximately 500 words). You may cut and paste text from any word processing program such as Microsoft Word*:

Although it is not necessary that I know every detail of every problem, the key is knowing how and when to question why a particular approach was chosen and whether there are other alternatives. As a number's person, I have reviewed volumes of data on budgets, investigations, and other issues. I frequently validate the information provided by reviewing the source documents and seeking out subject matter experts in order to separate opinions from facts. I conduct research as appropriate and reach out to external sources. Further, I welcome feedback from others, specifically those impacted by the decisions contemplated. However, I always ensure we remained focused of the task on hand.

It is important that the district boundaries be drawn to appropriately reflect the demographics of the areas without influence from political pressures. Being bi-lingual and bi-cultural, I believe it is important to value the melting pot of Californians.

When I was first elected to the school board, I asked many questions and educated myself on the actions being contemplated. As such, I was often the solo no vote if I wasn't convinced the decision would be in the best interests of the entire district. Little by little, I began educating the other board members on different points of views and they in turn educated me. We eventually started working as a team, voting for the best solutions for all students, not just our respective trustee areas. This will be similar with us redrawing the district boundaries, not everyone will be happy, but we should get to a point where we feel we made the best decisions based on all the information we gathered to include the census information, applicable maps, and community input. Hopefully, residents feel they were heard and understand we did the best we could based on all competing factors.

I understand and have interpreted California law specifically related to the Education Code, Penal Code, and Government Code. I have drafted legislation, completed legislative bill analysis, and determined the impact of the proposed legislation on the program areas.

I am proficient in various software programs to include Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and Office.

Basically, every job I have had once I obtained my college degrees, has been analytical and required translating my findings into written format and many times verbally presenting my findings. As such, I ensured my work was thoroughly researched and analyzed. As needed, I consulted with subject matter experts and contacted external agencies to obtain needed information. I never hesitated to ask for help when needed and worked in teams as appropriate.

I believe all the information I have provided in this supplemental application are valuable skills needed to effectively be part of this effort. I appreciate being considered to be a Commissioner and welcome the opportunity to serve on the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Part 4: Letters of Recommendation

An applicant must submit, or arrange for the submission of, three letters of recommendation from individuals or organizations. A letter of recommendation may be no longer than three pages. [Guidance for letters of recommendation](#). (Note: Any additional recommendations may be submitted as a public comment and public comments are considered by the Applicant Review Panel. However, a public comment submitted about you will not count as a letter of recommendation.)

An applicant's letters of recommendation must be submitted to the California State Auditor's Office (State Auditor's Office) on or before October 20, 2019. All three letters of recommendation must include your applicant identification number, which is **12652**. This identification number is unique to your application and ensures that all of your letters of recommendation are correctly attached to your application file before they are reviewed by the Applicant Review Panel.

Online Submission of Letters of Recommendation

We have provided three links for you to provide to the individuals who will be submitting letters of recommendation on your behalf. Each link may be used for only one letter and will expire upon that letter's submission. Remember to communicate to the individuals writing your letters of recommendation that their letters must include your applicant identification number, as provided above.

Submission of Letters of Recommendation via E-mail, Facsimile, Mail, or Common Carrier

Online submission of letters of recommendation is preferred. You may also submit letters of recommendation via email to shapecaliforniasfuture@auditor.ca.gov, by facsimile to (888) 694-5288, or by U.S. Mail or other common carrier mailed to the address provided below. All letters of recommendation submitted via email, facsimile, U.S. Mail, or other common carrier must include both your application identification number (**12652**) and the letter of recommendation number (**1**, **2**, or **3**). Letters of recommendation sent to the State Auditor's Office that are not received or postmarked by October 20, 2019, will not be considered, and the applicant will not continue on in the application process.

The letters of recommendation must be addressed to the Applicant Review Panel and can be mailed to:

Applicant Review Panel
c/o California State Auditor's Office
621 Capitol Mall, Suite 1200
Sacramento, California, 95814

Part 5: Financial Disclosure Form

If likely to be selected for an interview, you will be required to submit [FPPC Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests](#). [The Fair Political Practices Commission's website has more information about the FPPC Form 700](#). You do not need to submit that form now. You will receive an email at a later date if you will be required to submit this form.

Part 6: PRIVACY NOTIFICATION AND WAIVER

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND REASON FOR COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The Voters FIRST Act (Act) and the regulations implementing the Act require that the selection of commissioners for the Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) be open to public scrutiny and the press (California Constitution, Article XXI, section 2, subdivision (c); Government Code sections 8252, 11120, 11121, and 11125.1; California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 60835, 60836, 60842, and 60846). The Act also requires the California State Auditor's Office (State Auditor's Office) to select 60 of the most qualified applicants based upon their voter affiliation; eligibility to serve pursuant to Article XXI of the California Constitution; the absence of any conflicts of interest; relevant analytical skills; ability to be impartial; appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography; and racial, ethnic, geographic, gender, and economic diversity. To determine each applicant's identity and qualifications to serve on the Commission and to track the demographic information of the applicant pool, this application seeks personal information about applicants that will be provided to the Applicant Review Panel, State Auditor's Office staff, and the public, including members of the press, the Legislature, and the Commission.

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT PROVIDING ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION

Failure to provide all of the requested information will result in your disqualification and the removal of your name from the applicant pool. Thus, if you wish to serve on the Commission, it is mandatory that you submit a response for each item of information requested.

PERMISSION TO USE AND RELEASE PERSONAL INFORMATION

By submitting this application, you acknowledge that the application, all documents submitted in support of your application, including a Statement of Economic Interests (FPPC Form 700) if you are asked to submit one, letters of recommendation, materials generated as a result of any State Auditor's Office or Applicant Review Panel investigation of you, and all public comments and responses to public comments about your application are public records. You agree that the State Auditor's Office shall provide copies of these materials to members of the public and the press, members and staff of the Applicant Review Panel, State Auditor's Office staff, the Legislature, the Commission, and as otherwise compelled by law. You understand that members of the Applicant Review Panel and the public may make public statements about you. You authorize the State Auditor's Office to use the information submitted by and about you as the State Auditor's Office deems necessary to select commissioners, replacement commissioners, or otherwise comply with its legal duties. You also authorize the State Auditor's Office to post all materials related to your application to serve on the Commission on its website and any website authorized by the State Auditor's Office.

VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF PRIVACY RIGHTS AND STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE LIABILITY

By applying to be a commissioner, you are waiving your privacy and other rights under various state and federal laws including, but not limited to, the Information Practices Act (Cal. Civil Code section 1798 et seq.), and any defamation, invasion of privacy, and negligence claim you may have against the State Auditor's Office and those acting on its behalf. Accordingly, by waiving your privacy rights, you are agreeing to permit the State Auditor's Office to release any and all information submitted by or about you, EXCEPT that the State Auditor's Office will not post on the Internet your date of birth; physical, mailing, and email addresses (excluding the city and county); telephone numbers; the addresses and telephone numbers of your immediate family members; or any materials that the State Auditor's Office deems offensive. At this point in the process, the State Auditor's Office will not collect, and you should not voluntarily submit to the State Auditor's Office, your social security number, driver's license number, financial account numbers, or health information. By submitting your application, you acknowledge and consent to the release of the information you and others are providing related to you and, except as specifically provided above, you are waiving your right to privacy regarding all information relating to you and your application to serve as a commissioner. This waiver authorizes the State Auditor's Office to make public information submitted by or about you for a period of 12 years from the date of your application, even if you are not selected as a commissioner. You are providing this waiver voluntarily, understanding that the State Auditor's Office shall not be legally liable as a result of the release of information submitted by or about you or as the result of comments made about you by others, and that the State Auditor's Office will post on its website or otherwise release publicly. This includes claims of defamation, invasion of privacy, negligence, and any other statutory or common law claims.

WHOM TO CONTACT

You have a right to review personal information the State Auditor's Office maintains about you and to verify its accuracy. Please contact the State Auditor's Office's Information Privacy Officer at (916) 445-0255; 621 Capitol Mall, Suite 1200, Sacramento, California, 95814; if you would like to view or obtain information about the location of your records and the categories of persons who use the information in your records.

Affirmation

I affirm, by entering my initials in the box, that the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I have read and understand the Privacy Notification and Waiver.

Initials*: af

Submitted At: 10/20/2019 11:25:57PM

Amendments

Amendment 991

Submitted On: 02/12/2020

Reason:

I noted one of my sister's last name incorrectly.

Change:

Change Maria Elena Fernandez to Maria Elena Fernandez-Facila

Letters of Recommendation

Letter of Recommendation #1, submitted by Kirk Stinson

How Submitter Knows Applicant: Work Reference

Letter of Recommendation:

My name is Kirk Stinson. I am the Chief of Field Operations for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) Office of Internal Affairs (OIA). My position requires me to be responsible for upholding the integrity of Departmental policies and the disciplinary process. It is an important position, whereby almost 70,000 employees, contractors and volunteers rely upon our detailed analysis and impartial investigations to ensure their rights of due process are protected.

In my capacity as Chief, I manage three Regional Field Offices whose mission is to conduct internal affairs investigations statewide. I manage over 100 staff in the Special Agent classification responsible for investigating complex criminal and administrative investigations. Many OIA staff are assigned to task forces and participate in multi-jurisdictional investigations, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Office of the United States Marshal's Service.

I first met Alicia when she came to work at the Office of Internal Affairs in 2013. I worked with Alicia while she was assigned as a Special Agent and Senior Special Agent in the Central Intake Unit with the Office of Internal Affairs. Her job within the Central Intake Unit was to analyze cases for potential violations of policy and make recommendations to the Central Intake Panel, which is a review board making dispositional determinations about the cases.

In her role as a Special Agent, Alicia was required to review statements made by inmates, witnesses, subjects and complainants to determine if violations of policy had occurred. Additionally, Alicia would have to review any other additional evidence, such as police reports, surveillance footage, Local Operational Policies, and Memoranda of Understanding to make these determinations. Alicia was extremely meticulous in her approach to the case work. She was also required to demonstrate her skills of objectivity to arrive at a fair and impartial conclusion. During this time, I was required to review her work along with a Department Attorney and a court mandated monitor (Office of the Inspector General). Alicia's work stood up to extreme scrutiny and did not require any additional oversight, which can be necessary for other Special Agents in the same position.

During her time in the Central Intake Unit, Alicia also demonstrated her flexibility, self-motivation and team oriented attitude. Alicia showed her value by taking the specialized cases, such as Equal Employment Opportunity cases, which required far more work than the non-specialized cases. Alicia was able to use her unique vision to understand that the unit's ability to complete cases within the mandated timeframes was in great peril if she did not step-up to take on the additional workloads. As the cases mounted, Alicia was also willing to take on inquiry work that was normally completed by other units. Her willingness to work as a team player was a tremendous asset to our program as we struggled to meet the obligations of our core mission.

Alicia also had a vital role in tracking and responding to complaints made against departmental staff at High Desert State Prison. Alicia's organizational skills helped the Department develop timelines and prioritization levels for the most serious complaints made against the prison. Alicia's professionalism under pressure and ability to complete the work within the required timeframes ensured a successful operation. Alicia's ability to work with members of the Prison Law Office, Office of the Inspector General and staff from CDCR were extremely helpful in generating the positive outcome.

I moved to my current position as the Chief of Field Operations in 2018. In my current role I am responsible for statewide Regional Investigations throughout the Office of Internal Affairs. Alicia is assigned as a Senior Special Agent within the Northern Region, which is a supervisory position for the Special Agent classification. She is responsible for reviewing cases and ensuring that each case goes to the Special Agent with the best skill-set to complete each investigation. She is required to use the resources of her team to ensure balanced caseloads and to monitor the progression of cases that are assigned to her team. Her position requires that she be able to effectively manage people to ensure continued successful operations. Alicia's excellent attention to detail ensures that the reports from her team are thorough and accurate. Alicia's high level of organization and adept delegation make her team one of the most productive investigative teams in the Northern Region.

While working with Alicia she has been tasked with numerous specialized responsibilities. She has been chosen for these tasks because of her excellent written and verbal skills. Her verbal presentations are very well organized and presented in a manner that is easy to understand despite the complex nature of the material. Her proficiency in communication has made her a primary choice for specialized responsibilities and a leader in her work area.

Based upon my experience with Alicia over the last six and a half years, I believe that she would be an excellent asset to your organization. I have observed her hard working nature and organizational skills, which would be beneficial to any team. After a review of your mission and desired qualifications, I believe that her excellent organizational skills and superior communication abilities will make her the candidate that you are looking for.

Please contact me with any questions that you may have.

Kirk Stinson
Chief
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Letter of Recommendation #2, submitted by Donald G. Clark, PE

How Submitter Knows Applicant: I have known Alicia Fernandez personally for over 15 years. We live in the same community, and we have served on school boards and other community organizations together over many years..

Letter of Recommendation:

To Whom it May Concern:

It is my pleasure and great honor to provide a letter of recommendation to support Alicia Fernandez' application for the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission. I am the owner of a family-owned construction manufacturing business (Clark Pacific) that employees over 1200 people across four locations in Northern and Southern California. I am a partner in a local winery, Elevation 10, based in my hometown of Clarksburg, CA. I am also a founding and current board member of River Charter Schools and active generally in local community and civic organizations. I have known Alicia Fernandez for 15 years since my family and I first moved to the community of Clarksburg, where Alicia was originally raised and she and her own family have now lived for the last 18 years. I have seen first-hand through our work together founding and sustaining two schools in our community how she performs in settings requiring teamwork, collaboration, compromise, and detailed attention to drive effective solutions. I am submitting this letter as someone who has witnessed Alicia's genuine and active commitment and effective contributions to our community.

Alicia Fernandez' contributions to community demonstrate her strong sense of civic responsibility and her leadership abilities. Her list of accomplishments in this area is long. From her current role as president of the River Delta Unified School District where she's been a member for over 12 years, her 10+ year leading volunteer role in the successful Clarksburg Country Run, her role of service in her church, a school sports coach over the years in both boys' and girls' sports including volleyball, soccer, and basketball, to her on-going role as a volunteer at the local school, Alicia has contributed continually and with positive impact for our community. I have witnessed her community work firsthand. She is well-liked and well-respected across the broad circle of people in the community, regardless of background or affiliation. Alicia has incredible energy and shares that energy in a welcoming way to support community.

I first had the opportunity to witness Alicia Fernandez' effective community work, when 12 years ago, the community drew itself together to ensure a local elementary school would be preserved to serve the rural Clarksburg community - a school that was destined to be otherwise closed. Alicia with a handful of engaged parents lead the effort to turn the tide, working effectively with the school district and state board of education to devise a plan that not only preserved the elementary school, but did it in a way that grew the community in unexpected ways through the charter school program. With Alicia's leadership and dedication, the solution grew from 180 student elementary school to now two schools with over 700 students, well on our way to reaching 1000 within the next few years. In our board, Alicia showed exceptional strength through her attention to detail. She put in extra time to really review the matters before us, becoming very intimate with the numbers at the base of our decision making, as well as the financial impacts and the community impacts that our decisions could have. Her research, impartial analysis, and neutral representation of the details behind our work were very valuable to the whole board and helped us make good, consensus-oriented decisions.

Alicia Fernandez cares deeply for community and makes herself available to effectively help in so many ways, but in this, she does not over-commit or get overextended. She has exceptional capacity and boundless energy, and what Alicia commits to, she follows through on in a very fundamental and impactful way that builds consensus and community.

Alicia Fernandez will bring her inclusive teamwork and collaboration, her great personal attention to details, and her deep sense of civic pride and responsibility to work with her to the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission. With all her qualities in mind, I whole-heartedly and enthusiastically recommend Alicia Fernandez for the role of Commissioner.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Clark, PE
Owner/Co-CEO, Clark Pacific
Partner, Elevation 10 Winery
Board Member, River Charter Schools
Community Member, Clarksburg, CA

Letter of Recommendation #3, submitted by Richard Hennes

How Submitter Knows Applicant: I served as Superintendent of the River Delta School District from July 1, 2008 until my retirement in June, 2013.

Letter of Recommendation:

Ms. Fernandez's professional resume includes many years of working for the State of California in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in the office of Internal Affairs as a Senior Special Agent. For five years she worked for the California Department of Education as a Fiscal Services Consultant. All of these positions she has held which amount to over 30 years would serve her well if she was selected to be a member of the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Mrs. Fernandez's educational credentials include a Bachelor of Science and Master's Degree in Business Administration. This is noteworthy because she and her siblings were the first generation of the family to attend college. Being raised in a home where Spanish was the primary language was a great example of Alicia's determination to attain her goal of a college degree.

Alicia has served her hometown community in a variety of volunteer activities She is a current member of the River Delta Unified School District having served for the last 12 years. During the very fiscally difficult years in education during the 2009-2010 the River Delta school board had to trim almost 20% of the total budget. There were cuts that Alicia and I did not agree on but she always was respectful and willing to accept what the other board members voted on for the program cuts. Other community organizations she has volunteered for include coaching at the local schools, as well as being very active in her church.

Finally, I would offer that Alicia is the kind of citizen that the Redistricting Commission should be adding to their team. She would work diligently to ensure that fair district lines are drawn throughout California that will be fair representation of all California citizens.

Public Comments

Submit Public Comment for this Applicant

Files

- [Form 700 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Background Check \(PDF\)](#)