

Draft - Recruitment Outreach 2023-2024

From: Commissioner Kennedy

With the Chair's concurrence, I have been in contact with the Office of the State Auditor to ascertain their plans to promote awareness of the requirements for membership on the 2030 California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

My understanding from those discussions is that CSA will engage in awareness activities only later in the cycle, after the cutoff dates for potential candidates to change their voter registration category and to have voted in at least one statewide general election.

In order to ensure the largest possible pool of potential candidates for the 2030 Commission, it will fall to the 2020 Commission and to community groups to promote awareness of the time-bound requirements for our successors.

Specifically, the Constitution of California, at Article XXI, Section 2, Subsection (c), stipulates

(3) Each commission member shall be a voter who has been continuously registered in California with the same political party or unaffiliated with a political party and who has not changed political party affiliation for five or more years immediately preceding the date of his or her appointment. Each commission member shall have voted in two of the last three statewide general elections immediately preceding his or her application

It is important to note the phrasing of the two requirements:

- The voter registration requirement refers to the date of appointment, while
- The voting requirement refers to the date of application.

Neither of those dates is currently known with certainty; nevertheless, it might be reasonable to expect the deadline for applications to be in 2029 and the date of appointment to be in 2030.

Based on those dates, it would be necessary for any potential candidate contemplating a change in their voter registration to complete that change by the end of 2024.

Likewise, potential candidates would be required to have voted in at least two of the three statewide general elections between now and the application deadline: presumably 2024, 2026, and 2028. If the application deadline were to fall before the November 2028 general election, potential candidates for the 2030 Commission would need to have voted in two of the three statewide general elections held in 2022, 2024, and 2026 (and if they didn't vote in 2022, they would have to vote in both 2024 and 2026).

Rather than have interested individuals find that they are not qualified to serve on the 2030 Commission, I would propose that the 2020 Commission endeavor, through our website and periodic press releases, to alert the public to these time-bound requirements between now and the end of 2024.