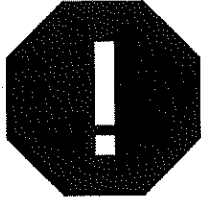


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You must print, notarize, and return this application by June 1, 2020.



Your application is almost done. You must print and sign the last page of this application in the presence of a notary. Then you must return it to the Department of State. **You can come back to print this application via the online portal at any time.**

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**Step 2:** Print and sign your name in front of the notary.

**Step 3:** Return your completed, notarized application. You can mail the application to Michigan Department of State, PO Box 30318, Lansing, MI 48909. You can also return it to a dropbox at your local Secretary of State office.

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## Voter registration

Are you currently registered, or will you be registered by August 15, 2020?

YES

## You are not eligible to serve on the Commission if you answer "Yes" to any of the following:

(1) I am now, or have been at any time since August 15, 2014,

(a) A declared candidate for partisan election office in federal, state, or local office. NO

(b) An elected official to partisan federal, state, or local office. NO

(c) An officer or member of the governing body of a national, state, or local political party. NO

(d) A paid consultant or employee of a federal, state, or local elected official or political candidate, campaign, or political action committee. NO

(e) An employee of the legislature. NO

(f) A lobbyist agent registered with the Michigan Bureau of Elections. NO

(g) An employee of a lobbyist registered with the Michigan Bureau of Elections. NO

(h) An unclassified state employee pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Michigan Constitution NO

*Note: If you are an employee of courts of record, employee of the state institutions of higher education, or person in the armed forces of the state, you are still eligible to serve on the Commission. You should answer "No" to this prompt.*

(2) I am a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, or spouse of a person to whom sections (a) through (h), above, would apply. NO

(3) I am disqualified for appointed or elected office in Michigan. NO

## How this application will be used

I understand that if randomly selected as one of 200 semi-finalists, the contents of this application (except my street address, email, and phone number) will be made available to the public.

YES, I Understand

I understand that while this application is a public document, my email and phone number will be kept confidential to the extent authorized by law.

YES, I Understand

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## Indicate whether you agree to the following conditions if you're appointed to the Commission:

- (a) If selected to serve on the Commission, you will be not be eligible to hold a partisan elective office at the state, county, city, village, or township level in Michigan for five (5) years. Do you understand that by serving on the Commission you are ineligible to hold these elected offices for five (5) years after you are selected to the Commission? YES
- (b) Serving on the Commission will require a time commitment of more than one year, including periods of both part-time and full-time work (approximately 10 – 40+ hours per week). The Commission must conduct open meetings. Most commissioners (at least 9 of 13) must be present at each meeting. Are you able to dedicate the necessary time to fulfill your duties as commissioner in addition to your other personal and work obligations?  
*Note: Like jury duty, your employer cannot fire you for serving on this commission.* YES
- (c) Each commissioner will receive compensation. The amount is set by law at approximately \$40,000. With this financial expectation in mind, will you be able to serve on the Commission? YES
- (d) Being a commissioner also requires travel to at least 15 public hearings across Michigan. With travel expectations in mind, will you be able to serve on the Commission? YES
- (e) The Michigan Constitution states, "Each commissioner shall perform his or her duties in a manner that is impartial and reinforces public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process." If selected, are you able to conduct yourself accordingly? YES
- (f) The Constitution specifies redistricting maps adopted by the Commission must receive a majority vote, and support from at least two commissioners of each political party affiliation (Democratic, Republican, and unaffiliated). If selected, do you believe you will be able to collaborate with fellow commissioners to reach consensus? YES

## Political Affiliation

I do not affiliate with either the Republican or Democratic Party.

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## Applicant Information

**Name**

James Edward Decker

**Date of Birth (MM/YYYY)**

02/1961

**Race**

White

**Sex**

Male

**Residential Address**

  
Fowlerville MI 48836

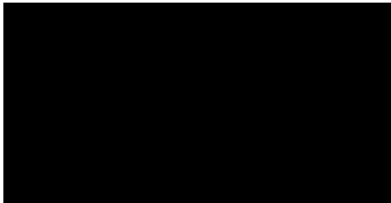
**Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?**

NO

**Mailing Address (if applicable)**



**Contact Information**



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## **Why do you want to serve on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission?**

I believe our populace here in the U.S.A in general and here in Michigan in particular has very polarized and dis-engaged. People tend to get their information and opinions from sound-bytes on radio or T.V. or via social media rather than doing the work of reading and investigating to determine the facts for themselves. We need to work to put aside preconceptions, naivety and prejudices to consider other points of view or opinions that may not always agree with our own so that there can be negotiation, consensus and a little give and take as life is imperfect and you have to try and make the best of it for as many people as you can. As a society it is easier to complain and castigate and much harder to work and find solutions to problems. I prefer to solve problems.

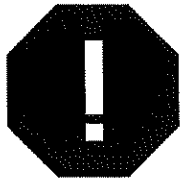
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**Describe why or how you affiliate with either the Democratic Party, Republican Party, or why you don't affiliate with either.**

Michigan has a closed primary system and in previous primaries i have voted in one or the other (Republican/Democratic) primary based upon the various candidates that have run at different times. I tend to investigate issues and opinions then try to vote for the persons that i feel will perform to the best of their abilities for the greatest good of all of Michigan citizens or to help fix the issues that vex our state. As i have moved through my life from single man to married man to father and hopefully someday, grandfather; the only certainty is that nothing is black or white but lots of shades of gray so i think you can be conservative fiscally and socially, or liberal in your attitudes and those thoughts will always change based upon the circumstances at hand. A little flexibility goes a long way.

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**Step 1:** Ask the notary to complete this section:

Sign and sworn before me in Ingham  
County, Michigan.

Print name exactly as it appears on notary application:

Michael K. Warren Jr.

Sign exactly as it appears on notary application:

Michael K. Warren Jr.  
Today's date | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

Notary Public, State of Michigan (print county commission)

Livingston County

Stacey Sawdy  
Notary Public - Michigan  
Clinton County  
Acting in the County of Ingham  
My Commission Expires September 21, 2023

Commission expiration date:

December 10, 2023

Acting in the county of:

Ingham


**Step 2:** You complete the section below. *This must be done in the presence of the notary.*

Print name below:

JAMES EDWARD DECKER

Sign and date below. *This must be done in the presence of the notary.*

By signing below, I swear or affirm that the answers provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge, and in particular attest that my political party affiliation as represented in this application is accurate.

X   
Today's date | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |