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Applicant Review Panel made final recommendations to City Council for Citizens Redistricting Commission

View the list of 60 applicants

[View the list of 60 applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission.](#) [1]

The panel charged with recommending who potentially should draw the 10 geographic Council districts will present its 60 names to the Austin City Council on May 16.

The Applicant Review Panel for the City's first Citizens Redistricting Commission has narrowed an initial pool of 444 people. Each Council Member may strike one applicant from the list of 60.

The remaining names will be placed in a drawing for eight spots on the 14-member Redistricting Commission. City Auditor Kenneth Mory will conduct that drawing at 12:30 p.m. May 22 in the Boards and Commissions Room at City Hall, 301 W. Second St.

"We had an incredible applicant pool of well qualified residents," said Applicant Review Panel Member Caroline Limaye." It was very difficult to narrow down the list to 60. We'd like to encourage those that applied to please stay involved and engaged in this very important process and time in our city."

Once the eight members have been confirmed, they will select the remaining six.

It is expected that the Citizens Redistricting Commission will determine the boundaries for the 10 single-member Council districts by the end of the year.

The three Austin residents serving on the Applicant Review Panel are:

1. Michele DeFrance, Senior Auditor, Texas State Auditor's Office.
2. Caroline Limaye, Auditor, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

3. Carol Feller, Auditor.

According to the City Charter, each of the Applicant Review Panel Members must live in Austin; be licensed by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy; and have at least five years of auditing experience.

For additional meeting information and back-up materials on the Applicant Review Panel's work, visit www.austintexas.gov/10-One [2].

About the 10-ONE Redistricting Process

City of Austin voters approved Proposition 3, a City Charter amendment commonly referred to as "10-ONE," in November 2012. The Charter amendment provides for the election of City Council Members from 10 geographic single-member districts, with the Mayor elected from the City at-large, beginning with the November 2014 election.

The amendment calls for the creation of a three-member Applicant Review Panel and a 14-member Citizens Redistricting Commission.

The City Auditor was tasked with initiating and widely publicizing an application process and taking all reasonable and necessary steps to get a diverse pool of applicants.

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