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***California State Auditor Extends Deadline for  
2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission Supplemental Application Period***

*New deadline is October 13, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.*

**Sacramento, Calif. (September 12, 2019)** – The California State Auditor announced today she is extending the deadline for applicants to submit their supplemental application for the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission. Applicants now have through **October 13** to submit the application and three letters of recommendation.

“We’ve been closely monitoring the number of submitted applications since the supplemental application period opened on August 21,” said Elaine M. Howle, California State Auditor. “We know there are many supplemental applications that have been started but not completed and realize that the process for submitting a supplemental application is more rigorous than the initial application. That is why we have held several webinars and provided guidance and training videos to help applicants through the process. However, over the last few weeks we have received a steady flow of inquiries about the various components of the application.”

She continued, “I now believe that it is important to give all applicants additional time to ask questions, get answers, secure letters of recommendation, and complete the application. That is why today I am extending the supplemental application deadline. Applications will now be accepted through Sunday, October 13, 2019.”

The supplemental application period is open to tentatively eligible applicants who submitted an online application during the initial application period. Nearly 21,000 Californians submitted initial applications. Supplemental applications must now be submitted online at [ShapeCaliforniasFuture.auditor.ca.gov](http://ShapeCaliforniasFuture.auditor.ca.gov).

“My office has already sent out reminder calls to all eligible initial applicants and we are planning others to tell them of the extension. I hope to receive many more supplemental applications and letters of recommendations in the next few weeks and remain confident that, with this extension, all candidates who wish to serve on the commission will have more time to complete the supplemental application and obtain the three letters of recommendation needed,” said Howle.



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For more information about the supplemental application process, please visit [ShapeCaliforniasFuture.auditor.ca.gov](https://ShapeCaliforniasFuture.auditor.ca.gov) or call (833) 421-7550.

### **About the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission**

Every ten years, after the federal government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts. In 2008, California voters passed the Voters FIRST Act authorizing the creation of an independent Commission comprised of 14 members. The 2020 Commission will include five Democrats, five Republicans, and four who are either registered without, or “independent” of, any political party (decline-to-state or no party preference) or with another party. The Commission is responsible for drawing the lines of each district. The supplemental application period for new Commission members runs from August 21, 2019, through October 13, 2019 at 11:59 p.m., and is open to qualifying applicants who submitted an online application during the initial application period.

For more information on the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission application and selection process, please visit [ShapeCaliforniasFuture.auditor.ca.gov](https://ShapeCaliforniasFuture.auditor.ca.gov).

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