

**Redistricting Commission  
Applicant Profile**

<b>Applicant #</b>	11259481045
<b>First Name</b>	Masoud (Matt)
<b>Last Name</b>	Hamidi
<b>District</b>	District 5
<b>Time living in District</b>	Three to five years
<b>Time living in Oakland</b>	Three to five years
<b>Education</b>	Bachelor's degree
<b>Income</b>	\$35,000 - \$74,999
<b>Voting history</b>	2018 & 2016 elections
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	Multiple ethnicity / Other (please specify)
	Persian

## Supplemental Questionnaire

Your response to each of the mandatory following questions is limited to no more than 500 words. Please type in the space provided for each question.

\*1. Why do you wish to serve on the Commission and why do you think the work of the Commission is important?

I want to serve my community and city fairly and feel this is a good way to do it. I am new to this, so I am easily trainable and follow the rules without bending them no matter what. I am easy going and I think it will be fun and hard work but rewarding to be selected as a member. This is important because citizens voted on it so it's important if most of the city agreed to hold this commission.

\*2. Explain what it means to be impartial and describe your ability to exercise impartiality.

Impartial means listening to and acknowledging each person's viewpoint with equal consideration. I demonstrate being impartial when I consider individuals needs and requirements in all my actions. I understand that treating everyone fairly does not mean everyone is treated the same. I communicate with everyone, making sure the most relevant message is provided.

\*3. The Commissioners will need to work collaboratively in redrawing district boundaries. Provide an example from when you had to set aside your own self-interest to achieve a common goal.

As we live in this unprecedented time, we have all had to set aside our own self interest for the safety of our community. Shelter in place was a choice made to serve the common goal of not spreading the Corona virus. To achieve the goal, I had to stay in place and not risk the chance of catching and spreading the virus regardless of how much I wanted to leave my place. Staying inside is what saved so many lives and slowed the spread of the virus.

\*4. All Commissioners must demonstrate an understanding of and appreciation for Oakland's diversity. Describe your knowledge of and appreciation for Oakland's people and places, and how this will enhance your work as a commissioner.

I was born in the Oakland and appreciate the rich diversity and culture that make up the city. I understand the importance of being responsive in a cultural and linguistic manner that will enhance my abilities to be a fair and impartial commissioner.

\*5. Provide an example from when you faced a complex question or situation. What problem solving skills did you use to solve it?

I work with the public and everyday I must answer questions for people who are angry or upset. I have realized that the best way to approach any situation is to listen and let the person speak. By allowing them to express their angry, it makes a tense situation easier to handle. It is the best way to resolve any potential problem.

\*6. Describe any professional, social, political, volunteer, community activities, and/or causes in which you have been involved or that you have financially supported. If you do not have any activities to report, type N/A in the space provided.

N/A

**Additional Information (Optional)**

If there is any additional information that was not asked in the Supplemental Questionnaire that you believe would help the Screening Panel in making their nominations, you may enter that information here. Your response here is optional.

\*I understand that if selected as a Commissioner, I shall be ineligible, for a period of 10 years beginning from the date of appointment, to hold elective public office for the City of Oakland. Additionally, I shall be ineligible, for a period of four years beginning from the date of appointment, to hold appointive public office for the City of Oakland or Oakland Unified School Board, to serve as paid staff for or as a paid consultant to Oakland City Council, or any member of the City Council or Oakland School Board, to receive a non-competitively bid contract with the City of Oakland, or to register as a lobbyist. This four-year ban on having a paid consultancy or entering noncompetitively bid contracts applies to myself individually and all entities for which I am a controlling person. Please enter your initials below to confirm your understanding of these statements.

Initials: MH

\*I affirm, by entering my name in the space provided, that the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name: Masoud Hamidi