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**From:** Kerry Bigelow on behalf of CityClerk  
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**Sent:** Sunday, April 13, 2014 10:19 PM  
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### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON DISTRICTING COMMISSION

**Prefix:** Mr.  
**Name:** William J. Richter  
**Address:** [REDACTED]  
**Primary Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Secondary Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Are you registered to vote in Chula Vista?:**

Yes

**Do you live within the City limits of Chula Vista?:**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Chula Vista?:**

28y

**Employer:** Sempra U.S. Gas & Power  
**Occupation:** Administrative Associate  
**Education:** Juris Doctor, Law, B.A., Political Science

**8. Are you currently serving on any board or commission for the City or any other governmental agency?:**

No

**9. Have you previously served on any board or commission for the City or any other governmental agency?:**

Yes

**If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?:**

Charter Review Commission (2 terms)

**10. Please list any local, civic or community groups you have been involved with:**

Yes

**If yes, please list them:**

Chicano Federation, Former Gala Committee Member; City of Chula Vista Literacy Program, Former Literacy Tutor; League of Conservation Voters, Former Board Member; Southwestern College Chicano Latino Coalition, Former Cesar Chavez Breakfast Committee Member; Sweetwater Education Foundation, Former Gala Committee Member; UCSD Hispanic Scholarship Council, Former Gala Committee Member

**11. Please describe any foreign language fluency you may have:**

Spanish and very limited French

**12. Please describe any relevant knowledge or abilities you can bring to the Districting Commission that you believe would help the Commission carry out its responsibilities?**

I have been involved in Chula Vista civic issues for about 15 years both formally and informally. I have also lived in different parts of the city for the last 28 years (Rancho del Rey, Eastlake and near the Auto Parkway). I know the city and its communities fairly well. I'm also very well versed in the parameters involved in creating districts.

**13. Please describe any experience you have with public communications or public outreach in the City?**

When I was on the Charter Review Commission, I pushed to have the CRC hold additional public meetings to discuss the Districting issue. Along with my colleagues, I attended most of these public meetings as well as the regularly scheduled commission meetings. The aim of these additional meetings was to gauge the pulse of the community and receive input on a very important issue.

**14. Please describe any experience you have had serving in a role in which you had to exercise impartiality:**

While serving as a board member on the League of Conservation Voters, I had to exercise impartiality when voting to endorse ballot measures and candidates. I pride myself on focusing on issues rather than people's affiliations.

**15. Please describe any other relevant experience you have that is not described above:**

None

**16. Are you an elected City official, or a member of the City Charter Review Commission?:**

No

**17. Are you a relative by blood or marriage within the second degree, or a domestic partner, of an elected City official?:**

No

**18. Have you, at any time within the last four years served as an elected City official?:**

No

**19. Are you a current employee of the City or a current employee of any organization representing any employee bargaining unit for employees of the City?:**

No

**20. Have you, at any time within the last four, worked as a lobbyist?:**

No

**21. Are you currently an officer in any local political party organization, including, but not limited to, officers of a political party county central committee?:**

No

**22. Have you, within the last four years, served as a paid campaign worker or paid campaign or political consultant for an elected City official?:**

No

**I understand that to be considered, I must submit a resume and one letter of reference along with this application:**

Yes

**Applicant Name:**

William J. Richter

**Today's date:**

04/13/14

**Gender:**

Male

**Race:**

Hispanic

**Ethnicity:**

Hispanic Origin

**William J. Richter**

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

***Administrative Associate***

2013 -

Present

Sempra U.S. Gas & Power, San Diego, California

- Provide general support to the Communications, External Affairs and Procurement departments
- Assist with public affairs events at project sites
- Coordinate meetings, travel, and logistics

***Executive Assistant***

2012 - 2013

Sempra Energy, San Diego, California (via AllSource Temporary Agency)

- Assisted the Senior Vice President, External Affairs
- Assisted the Corporate Secretary with Sempra's board-related activities including board meeting logistics and travel

***Legal & Administrative Assistant (Part-time)***

2011 - 2012

Fine & Sharif, Attorneys at Law, San Diego, California

1998 - 2000

- Provided general administrative support
- Performed general civil litigation work including drafting discovery documents

***Engineering Assistant I (Part-Time)***

2010 - 2011

Sweetwater Authority, Chula Vista, California

- Provided general administrative support

***Government Affairs Coordinator and Administrative Assistant***

2000 - 2010

Sempra Energy, San Diego, California

- Supported Regional Vice President of Government Affairs and his department
- Screened community relations calls and provided corporate policy information
- Analyzed and processed community grant applications
- Coordinated political action committee (PAC) activities including assisting with internal audits and preparing material for PAC Board of Directors meetings
- Coordinated Business Recovery Plan for department
- Facilitated communications between local government staff and SDG&E on routine utility issues

***Accomplishments:***

- Awarded spot-cash bonus for excellent support in 2001, 2004 and 2008
- Coordinated logistics for company-wide events; received praise from executive level management

***Paralegal***

1997 - 1999

Darvas, Chawla, and Aguirre, LLP, San Diego, California

- Processed immigration petitions for visas, residency, and citizenship

***Small Claims Court Advisor***

1995

San Diego Municipal Court, San Diego, California

- Provided legal advice to the public related to the Small Claims Court

***Lexis Student Associate***

1993 - 1994

Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, California

- Taught beginner and advanced Lexis classes and assisted students with legal research

**EDUCATION**

***Juris Doctor Degree***

Thomas Jefferson School of Law

***Bachelor of Arts Degree***

San Diego State University, Political Science

**ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

- **Bilingual:** *Spanish*
- **Software:** Microsoft Office 2003-2010, Windows 7, Mac OS X, Lexis / Nexis, and Westlaw

**COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE**

- Chicano Federation, *Former Gala Committee Member*
- City of Chula Vista Literacy Program, *Former Literacy Tutor*
- City of Chula Vista, *Former Charter Review Commissioner*
- League of Conservation Voters, *Former Board Member*
- Southwestern College Chicano Latino Coalition, *Former Cesar Chavez Breakfast Committee Member*
- Sweetwater Education Foundation, *Former Gala Committee Member*
- UCSD Hispanic Scholarship Council, *Former Gala Committee Member*

To Whom It May Concern:

We wish to take this opportunity to recommend WILLIAM RICHTER to be one of the candidates for the "Districting Committee" now being formed. We recommend Bill for the following reasons:

- 1) Bill was a member of the Charter Review Committee when they held hearings all around town on this issue. Thus he heard the many pros and cons on the issue of Districting, and in all areas of Chula Vista, and he participated in the Committee discussions favoring recommending districting to the Council.
- 2) As with ourselves, Bill has been very active in civic affairs for many years. But he is always careful to stay "neutral" and to stay on speaking terms with everyone. We often tell people that half of Bill's friends are our political enemies -- fortunately the other half are our political friends. This will serve him well on this Districting Committee.
- 3) While a member of the Charter Review Committee, he participated in the discussions and in the decision to recommend having district elections to the City Council. He supported the idea of district elections, and thus he has a "vested interest" in helping to make sure it works.

We unhesitatingly recommend that Bill Richter be considered for the Districting Committee.

Peter and Susan Watry

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