

**APPLICATION (INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS) FOR
INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

Answer all items in print or type. Attach additional sheets as needed to answer completely.

FULL NAME: Margarita Silva

SPOUSE'S NAME (if applicable): N/A

HOME ADDRESS: 8915 S. 40th Drive

CITY: Laveen STATE: Arizona ZIP: 85339

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: Maricopa RESIDENT OF ARIZONA SINCE: 1969

EMPLOYER: Navidad, Leal & Silva PLC TITLE: Partner/Attorney

OFFICE ADDRESS: 323 W. Roosevelt, Ste 200 OFFICE PHONE: 602-257-0000

CITY: Phoenix STATE: Arizona ZIP: 85003

EDUCATION: Include name(s) of institution(s) and year diploma(s) or degree(s) received.

Arizona State University, College of Law, J.D 1995; University of Arizona, B.S., 1992; Tucson High School, high school diploma, 1987

List **all** political activities for **at least** the past ten years. Include dates of service and indicate **all** offices held in any organization. (Use attachment if necessary.)

I have never held a political office. In the last 10 years, I have co-hosted three or four fundraisers for candidates for elected office. I have contributed financially to various candidates' campaigns and ballot issues, as well as lent my name for public support to candidates and ballot issues. I have attended a handful of public rallies, at various locations, on various issues. I have on occasion written, e-mailed or called an elected official to express my personal opinion on a public matter pending before them. During election season, I sometimes post signs in my yard or office window in support or opposing an issue or candidate. I lobbied the Arizona State legislature on behalf of my employer, the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office, in 2002 and on a handful of occasions over the last 10 years on behalf of Los Abogados Bar Association, a non-profit organization I have served on for 10 years. In April 2009, I participated in the American Bar Association "Lobby Day" on Capitol Hill in Washington DC as part of the delegation from the Arizona State Bar.

List **all** professional and occupational memberships for **at least** the past ten years. Include dates of service and indicate **all** offices held in any organization. Please include honors, awards and other forms of recognition. (Use attachment if necessary.)

See resume attached under "Professional/Personal".

List **all** civic and community service activities for **at least** the past ten years. Include dates of service and indicate **all** offices held in any organization. Please include honors, awards and other forms of recognition. (Use attachment if necessary.)

See resume attached under "Professional/Personal".

ATTACH A RESUME OR BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT. Applications that do not include a resume or biographical statement will be considered incomplete and will NOT be considered for nomination.

ATTACH A STATEMENT OF INTEREST EXPLAINING WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. Applications that do not include a statement of interest will be considered incomplete and will NOT be considered for nomination.

COMPLETELY ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Are you committed to applying the provisions of the Arizona Constitution, Article IV, Part 2, Section 1 in an honest, independent and impartial fashion, and to upholding public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process? Yes (X) No ()
2. Will your employment and/or personal circumstances permit you to attend meetings of the Independent Redistricting Commission in their entirety? Yes (X) No ()
3. Are you a registered Arizona voter? Yes (X) No ()
4. Have you been continuously registered for at least the past three years with the same political party or as unaffiliated with a political party? Yes (X) No () If no, attach explanation.

Indicate political registration for the past three years: Independent

5. During the past three years, have you:

- a. been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for any other public office, including precinct committeeman or committeewoman, but not including school board member or officer? Yes () No (X)
- b. served as an officer of a political party or as an officer of a candidate's campaign committee? Yes () No (X)
- c. served as a registered paid lobbyist? Yes () No (X)

If your answer to any part of this question is "Yes," attach an explanation.

6. Is there any possible conflict of interest or other matter that would create problems or prevent you from fairly and impartially discharging your duties as an appointee to the Independent Redistricting Commission? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," attach an explanation.

7. Are you now an officer, director, or majority stockholder, or otherwise engaged in the management, of any business enterprise? Yes (X) No ()

If your answer is "Yes," give details by attachment, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title and description of your position, the nature of your duties, and the term of your service.

8. If your parents, siblings, spouse, or children are employed or engaged in any business or profession, state (by attachment) their names and the name and address of their employer or the business in which they are engaged.

9. Have you filed your state or federal income tax returns for all years you were legally required to file them? Yes (X) No () If your answer is "No," explain by attachment.

10. Have you paid all state, federal and local taxes when due? Yes (X) No () If your answer is "No," explain by attachment.

11. Have you ever violated a court order including but not limited to an order for payment of child or spousal support? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," explain by attachment.

12. Have you ever been expelled, terminated, or suspended from any employment or school or course of learning on account of plagiarism, cheating, or any other "cause" that might reflect in any way on your integrity? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," explain by attachment.

13. Are you, in any jurisdiction, currently charged with or have you ever been arrested for, convicted of, or pleaded guilty to any felony, misdemeanor (excluding civil traffic violations), or violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," explain by attachment.

14. If you performed military service, please indicate the date and type of discharge. If other than honorable discharge, explain by attachment. N/A

15. List and describe by attachment any litigation involving an allegation of fraud in which you are or were a defendant. N/A

16. In the past year, have you ever been reprimanded, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended, or terminated by an employer as a result of your alleged consumption of alcohol, prescription drugs, or use of illegal drugs? Yes () No (X)
If your answer is "Yes," explain by attachment the circumstances under which such action was taken, the name(s) of any persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action.
17. Have you failed to vote in any general election held during the past eight years?
Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," explain by attachment.
18. Have you ever refused to submit to a test to determine whether you had consumed and/or were under the influence of alcohol or drugs? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," state the date you were requested to submit to such a test, type of test requested, the name of the entity requesting that you submit to the test, the outcome of your refusal and the reason you refused to submit to such a test.
19. Within the last five years, have you ever been formally reprimanded, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended or terminated by an employer?
Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," state the circumstances under which such action was taken, the date(s) such action was taken, the name(s) of any persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action.
20. Has a judgment or finding that you failed to comply with the substantive requirements of any business or contractual arrangement, including but not limited to bankruptcy proceedings, ever been entered against you? Yes () No (X) If your answer is "Yes," explain by attachment.
21. List by attachment all elected or appointed offices that you have held and/or for which you have been a candidate, and the dates. *I have never been appointed to, nor have I ever run for, a political office.*
22. Provide any additional information relative to your application or qualifications you would like to bring to our attention at this time.

BY SIGNATURE OF THIS APPLICATION:

If appointed to the Independent Redistricting Commission I understand I will be ineligible for Arizona public office or for registration as a paid lobbyist during my term on the Independent Redistricting Commission and for three years thereafter, pursuant to the Arizona Constitution, Article IV, Part 2, Section 1.

I have reviewed the constitutional requirements governing the Independent Redistricting Commission and attest that I meet those requirements.

I authorize investigation of all of my responses to this application and further authorize the references listed in the confidential section of this Application to give you any and all information concerning my qualifications they may have, personal or otherwise, and release all parties from all liability for any damages that may result from furnishing information to you.

I understand that the Commission which reviews my application may or may not conduct an interview, and may make its decision based on my responses to this Application and any due diligence.

The statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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SIGNATURE Mae DATE 11/15/11

State of Arizona)
County of Maricopa) ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 2011, by _____

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



OPTIONAL SECTION

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments strives for diversity in its appointments. Therefore, in this optional section, we ask you to consider providing us with information that will help us evaluate our progress in achieving this goal.

RACE/ETHNICITY: () WHITE (Not Hispanic) () NATIVE AMERICAN
(X) HISPANIC () ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER
() BLACK

GENDER: () MALE (X) FEMALE

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS BELOW BY 5:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 15, 2011. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

RETURN TO: Commission on Appellate Court Appointments
Attn: Annette Corallo
1501 West Washington, Suite 221
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

Question 7: I am a partner in the Law Firm of Navidad, Leal and Silva, P.L.C. This corporation is solely engaged in the practice of law. Currently there are three partners and one associate attorney. However our firm is in the process of corporate restructuring. The attorneys and staff are employed solely to provide legal/support services to our clients. I have been with this firm for 9 years. There is no limit to my potential terms of service.

Question 8: My father, Raul Silva, is a small-business owner. He owns and runs Maintenance Services, a janitorial service. Maintenance Services is located 3831 E. 37th Street, Tucson, Arizona 85713. My mother, Esperanza Silva, is retired from the Tucson Unified School District, but occasionally handles cleaning jobs for my father's company.

My sister, Susanna Rodriguez, is employed by Sears Holding Corporation as a customer service representative at a call center located at 4755 S. Butterfield Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85714.

I have no other sibling or spouse employed or engaged in business in Arizona.

RESUME

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Experience

Navidad, Leal & Silva, P.L.C., Phoenix, AZ

Oct 2002 – Present

Attorney/Partner Represent clients in proceedings before the Executive Office of Immigration Review (at the Phoenix, Eloy and Florence immigration courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals) at the bond, individual hearing and direct appeal stages, both detained and non-detained respondents; represent clients before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service and abroad at U.S. consular offices to obtain relief in the form of immigrant and some non-immigrant visas, adjustment of status, waivers, naturalization, claims to U.S. citizenship, termination of proceedings, cancellation of removal, VAWA and other relief. Represent criminal defendants in Federal, superior and city courts, both felonies and misdemeanors. Former Criminal Justice Act attorney panelist, 2004-2007.

Maricopa County Public Defender's Office, Phoenix, AZ

Aug 1996 – Oct 2002

Attorney I, II, III Handled criminal caseload (all classes of felonies and misdemeanors) in Superior Court, at all stages of criminal proceedings from arraignment and pre-trial motions/hearings through trial and post-trial motions.

Legislative Affairs Coordinator (2002) Advocated on behalf of the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office and constituents during the 2002 Arizona legislative session.

Community Relations Coordinator (2001-2002) Coordinated programs and activities focusing on improving the services and image of the Office and relations with the community through community service, education and training.

Team leader (2000) Oversaw group of 4 other attorneys, coordinating court coverage; providing input for bi-annual and annual evaluations; provide mentoring to newer attorneys.

Rensch & Walker, Attorneys, Mesa, AZ

Oct 1995 – Jul 1996

Attorney Criminal and civil (plaintiff and defendant) caseload.

Professional/Personal

Admitted: Arizona Bar, October 1995; U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, May 1996

Member:

- American Bar Association House of Delegates, State Bar of Arizona, 2008-2012;
- Arizona Supreme Court Commission on Minorities in the Judiciary, 2001-2010;
- Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association, Board of Directors, 2000-2010 (2006 President);
- Judicial Selection Advisory Board, City of Phoenix, 2007-2011 (2010 Chair);
- Florence Immigrant Refugee Rights Project, Board of Directors (FIRRP) 2011;
- U.S. Magistrate Selection/Reappointment Panel, District of Arizona, 2006, 2009;
- State Bar Immigration Section, Member: (Executive Council 2003-2007; Co-Chair 2004-2005);
- National Immigration Project, Member, 2005-2010;
- Criminal Justice Act Panel Review Committee, District of Arizona, Member, 2010, 2011;
- Volunteer: Kids to Court Program (Federal); Citizenship Day volunteer; FIRRP
- Former member: Badger Foundation Board Member 2005-2008; State Bar CLE Committee, 2006-2007; State Bar Criminal Justice Executive Council, 2001-2002; American Immigration Lawyers Association 2003-2004; Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice, Board of Governors, 2001

Education

Arizona State University, College of Law, Tempe, Arizona

Juris Doctor, May 1995

University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Bachelor of Science in Public Administration, 1992

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

I am interested in serving on the Independent Redistricting Commission for Arizona for a variety of reasons. As a lifelong Arizonan, a graduate of Arizona schools - kindergarten through law school - and a professional small-business owner living and working in Arizona, I have a keen interest in working toward ensuring the fairness of the political process for all Arizonans. I have always felt that it is important to participate in the political process in some manner and this commission is a unique opportunity I would welcome. As one who is committed to public service and has served in variety of organizations over the years, I am enthusiastic about participating on such an important commission, which will impact Arizona for the next decade.

I feel that my background, education, skills and community contacts would serve me, and Arizona, well on the commission. Through my profession and personal interests, I interact on a regular basis with people from all over the state (rural and urban areas), from diverse backgrounds (professional, political, blue collar, students, etc) and diverse economic populations. Because I work for myself, I have the flexibility of scheduling my calendar to fully participate on the commission. If I am selected I intend to cut back on other professional activities to allow myself to focus on the commission.