

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

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

**Full Name** Robert Philip ('Bob') Kovitz

**Spouse's Name (if applicable)** Not applicable

**City** Tucson      **Zip** 85711

**County of Residence** Pima      **Resident of Arizona Since** 1979

**Employer** Not applicable      **Title** Not applicable

**Office Address** Not applicable      **Office Phone** Not applicable

**City** Not applicable      **State** Not applicable      **ZIP** Not applicable

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

- University of California, 1968, B.A. Political Science (Combined Social Sciences)
- University of Southern California, 1973, M.P.A. (Local government management)
- Additional pre-PhD studies in Political Science, Univ. of Arizona—1993-94
- Additional Political Science studies, U.C.L.A. 1968
- Universidad de Guadalajara, intensive Spanish language studies, 1964

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.)

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## **Robert P. ('Bob') Kovitz**

### All political activities at least for past ten years (plus offices held).

Initial steering committee—Jonathon Rothschild for Mayor (Tucson)—member  
Door-to-door canvassing—Rothschild for Mayor (Tucson) 2012-2019  
Door-to-door canvassing—Nina Trasoff for City Council (Tucson) 2012  
Host—Neighborhood meeting—Carol West for City Council (Tucson)  
Volunteer—mailings—Tucson Democratic Party (various)

### Professional and Occupational Memberships

International City/County Management Association (1969-2006)  
American Society of Planners (1973-1979)  
Public Relations Society of America (Tucson)—External Affairs Chair (2001-2009)  
American Society for Public Administration (1969-2005)

### Civic and community service activities

- President, Access Tucson Television (2010-2013)—Awarded Volunteer of the Year
- President, Kiwanis of Oro Valley (2003-2005)
- Commissioner, Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission (2008-2016)
- President, Information and Referral Services (Help on Call) Pima County (1988-1992)
- Military service—US Army—Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe 1970-72—Awarded the Joint Services Commendation Medal by Supreme Allied Commander
- President, Oro Valley Toastmasters Club (2006-2009)
- Casa Alitas—Volunteer and translation for migrants (2019-2020)
- Vice President for Finance, Tucson Hebrew Academy Board of Directors (1990-92)
- Sister City delegation member with Tucson Mayor George Miller to Ramle, Israel (1997)
- Owner, Treasurer—Act One Theater Company, Tucson (2001-2012)
- Founder, Tucson Chapter, Crohn's-Colitis Foundation of America (1979); Board of Trustees, 2007-2009
- Board of Directors, Inglewood Neighbors (1969-70)
- President, Horizon Players (Simi Valley, CA—1975-79)

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.)

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ATTACH A **STATEMENT OF INTEREST** explaining why you are interested in serving on the independent redistricting commission.

ATTACH A **RESUME** OR **BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**.

*Applications that do not include the required resume or biographical statement, and 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: Democrat

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

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. If you performed military service, please indicate the date and type of discharge. If other than honorable discharge, explain by attachment.

**U.S. Army (Regular Army) 1969-72 Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe**

(Awarded the Joint Services Commendation Medal) Honorable Discharge

14. List and describe by attachment any litigation involving an allegation of fraud in which you are or were a defendant.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. List by attachment all elected or appointed offices that you have held and/or for which you have been a candidate, and the dates.

21. 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.

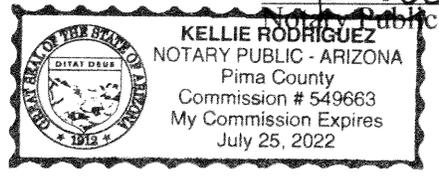
The statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE [Handwritten Signature] DATE 8/13/20

State of Arizona }  
County of Pima } ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of August, 2020, by Robert KOVITZ

My Commission Expires: 7/25/22 [Handwritten Signature]



**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: ( x ) WHITE (Not Hispanic) ( ) NATIVE AMERICAN  
( ) HISPANIC ( ) ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER  
( ) BLACK ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER: ( x ) MALE ( ) FEMALE

**STATEMENT OF INTEREST—INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**  
SUBMITTED BY BOB KOVITZ

It is a pleasure to submit this Statement of Interest since it aligns with my professional and community service career; it also allows me to participate in one of the most basic functions of government—the determination of voting districts, a process that promotes non-partisan equality in elections and which helps to ensure the importance of every vote.

While I was raised in a politically aware household (my father was the press aide to a member of the U.S. House of Representatives), I made the sole decision to pursue a career in local government by studying Political Science at the University of California (B.A.) and the University of Southern California (M.P.A.). I also was enrolled in the pre-PhD program in Political Science at the University of Arizona, and took additional Political Science courses at UCLA. For nearly 20 years, I also taught Management, Communications and Sociology at the University of Phoenix.

In my governmental positions in Oro Valley, Pima County, Los Angeles and Simi Valley, I frequently interacted with elected representatives (both state and national) and came to understand the types of issues that face those representatives daily. At the same time, I also saw that the design of election districts did not always follow natural or logical lines nor did they always include citizens with aligned interests. Therefore, I was a vocal supporter when Arizona created the Independent Redistricting Commission so that these districts would be drawn with more attention to citizens' needs rather than political considerations.

Similarly, when I was in private business for 20+ years, I came to a greater understanding of the relationship between representative government and rules/regulations that govern business, employment and personal lives. These regulations must be debated and determined by elected bodies that are truly representative of the people they serve. Therefore, commerce must be part of any decision about aligning districts. Likewise, my work in the non-profit sector also depended on volumes of rules that originated in elected bodies, so community, social and educational interests should be considered in redistricting as well.

Not only do we live in a highly divided and segmented society, Arizona—in particular—represents broad demographic changes that are occurring throughout the country (and, indeed, the world). Between immigration, birth rates and natural growth, Arizona is significantly different than it was even 10 or 20 years ago. U.S. Supreme Court decisions have also emphasized the need to ensure that all citizens have equal access to voting and to the assumption that their votes count. An Independent Redistricting Commission helps to ensure that access and assumptions.

Finally, it's important to note that I am not an ideologue, nor do I have a political axe to grind. I believe that reasonable people can come to reasonable conclusions if we agree on the goals. Selection to the Independent Redistricting Commission would be the capstone to a career steeped in community participation, business, education, government and military service. Therefore, I am honored and humbled by your consideration.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**

Submitted by BOB KOVITZ

### Early years

- Born, Los Angeles, CA. Arizona resident since 1979.
- Attended and graduated from schools in Los Angeles and Inglewood (HS diploma)
- Attended the University of California—awarded B.A. in Political Science (Combined Social Sciences)
- Attended the University of Southern California—awarded M.P.A. in local government
- Additional studies in Political Science at UCLA and the University of Arizona.
- Foreign Language studies at the Universidad de Guadalajara and Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe Language Center

### Employment in Local Government

- City of Ft. Lauderdale, FL—City Manager's Office
- City of Los Angeles—City Administrator's Office
- City of Simi Valley (CA)—Planner (Environmental Affairs Dept.) and Senior Administrator (Human Services Department)
- Pima County, AZ—County Administrator's Office—Community Action (anti-poverty) programs
- Town of Oro Valley, AZ—Communications (and Community Relations) Manager and spokesman

### Military Service

U.S. Regular Army, assigned to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers (NATO) Europe. Awarded the Joint Services Commendation Medal upon separation. Secret clearance.

### Business career

Vice President and General Manager of NIBL, Inc., a retail sales and service company specializing in high-end resort aesthetic, cosmetic and body treatments. (Canyon Ranch, Tucson, and The Westin La Paloma, Tucson). Employed and supervised up to 28 employees in a 365-day-a-year operation for 20 years.

### Non-profit career

- Director of Labor and Employment Services, Portable Practical Educational Programs (Tucson, AZ)
- Community Engagement Manager—Tucson Symphony Orchestra
- General Manager, Civic Orchestra of Tucson

### Other employment

U.S. Postal Service—carrier

ABC Television (KABC-Hollywood)—local news assistant

*Occupational, professional and community organizations listed separately*