

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

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

**Full Name** Thomas Loquvam

**Spouse's Name (if applicable)** Stephanie Loquvam

**City** Phoenix **Zip** 85028

**County of Residence** Maricopa **Resident of Arizona Since** 1990-97 and since 2002

**Employer** EPCOR USA, Inc. **Title** General Counsel and Vice President of Corporate Services

**Office Address** 2355 West Pinnacle Peak Road, Suite 300 **Office Phone** 623-445-2449

**City** Phoenix **State** AZ **Zip** 85027

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

Wake Forest University, 2001, Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Communication

University of Arizona James E Rogers College of Law, 2005, Juris Doctorate

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.)

None

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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.)

Executive Committee Member, Arizona Bar Association Administrative Section, 2017-2019

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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.)

Board Member, Greater Phoenix Chamber, January 2020 to present

Board Member, Chairman, Alcoholism & Addiction Assistance Association 2008-2019  
(Chairman 2017-2019)

Board Member, Chairman, HandsOn Greater Phoenix, 2007-2013 (Chairman 2012-2013)

Peer Support Monitor, Arizona State Bar Member Assistance Program, (2009-2012)

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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 (  ) No (  )
2. Will your employment and/or personal circumstances permit you to attend meetings of the Independent Redistricting Commission in their entirety? Yes (  ) No (  )
3. Are you a registered Arizona voter? Yes (  ) 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 (  ) No (  ) If no, attach explanation.

Indicate political registration for the past three years: No Party

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 (  )
  - b. served as an officer of a political party or as an officer of a candidate's campaign committee? Yes (  ) No (  )
  - c. served as a registered paid lobbyist? Yes (  ) No (  )

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

SEE ATTACHED 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 (  ) 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 (  )

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 (  ) 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.

NOT APPLICABLE

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

NOT APPLICABLE

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.

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21. Provide any additional information relative to your application or qualifications you would like to bring to our attention at this time.



T. Loquvam  
Statement of Interest  
IRC Application August 2020

Despite studying politics in college and maintaining a daily awareness of national and local political news, I have eschewed participating in formal roles related to politics. The issues are important and endlessly fascinate me, but the day-to-day partisan drama has always deterred me from doing anything other than complaining about the state of things.

Recently, however, my seven year old daughter called me out for my complaints. Wearing her favorite t-shirt, which reads “*Smash Glass Ceilings*,” she deadpanned to me, “dad, you always tell me to take action rather than just complain about something, so why don’t you do something?” Her comment rendered me speechless with an equal mixture of pride and chagrin. I can attempt to teach her how to be, but if my actions do not reflect my words, what kind of father am I?

To be the best father I can be, I submit this application to be a member of Arizona’s Independent Redistricting Committee. Long and careful consideration has consistently led me to the conclusion that undue partisanship is a major, if not *the* major, crippling force in our republic. Seeking common ground is openly criticized as “anti-American” or “disloyal” to one’s political party. Seemingly manufactured hostility underscores all political dialogue. Legislators must play to the extremes of their parties if they hope to escape the next primary in their politically-lopsided districts. “Policy development” in this environment can resemble the repeated collision of extreme positions. If a policy does emerge from this environment, it often lacks bipartisan “buy-in,” putting the policy at risk when the other party next assumes the majority. The result isn’t thoughtful governance, but instead a disappointing race to the bottom after each election cycle.

This cannot be the system of government our framers intended.

I am not so naïve as to assume that a single stint on the IRC is a panacea. But I am a pragmatist. Incremental progress may not seem flashy, but it works over time. From my perspective, creating fair and balanced legislative districts is an excellent, if not the best, way to make incremental progress. Partisanship emerges from base tribal instincts and is exacerbated by political districts that are “safe” for either party. In these safe districts, elections are decided at the primary stage and general elections can be vestigial. Because they must win in primaries, more extreme candidates will inevitably rise to the top. Once elected, these politicians will continue espousing extreme perspectives to bolster their chances for re-election at the next primary. And the cycle continues. If, by contrast, legislators must account to a balanced electorate in their district, my hope is that legislators will attempt to find balanced solutions that reflect broad coalitions, not extreme ideologies.

I am not affiliated with any political party—not in spirit nor in name. I see truth on both sides of the aisle. I am not interested in advancing any particular agenda. I want to improve the process by reducing incentives for partisanship.

But more importantly, I want to stop complaining and instead take action. Next time my daughter calls me out and asks, “What are you doing about it?”, I want to have an answer that is commensurate with being the kind of father I want to be—the kind of father she deserves. Maybe along the way, I can do my part to make things a little better for Arizona too.

# Thomas Arminius Loquvam

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## **EDUCATION**

- University of Arizona College of Law, Tucson, Arizona: *Juris Doctorate*, Graduated First in Class, May, 2005.
  - Order of the Coif
  - Articles Editor, Arizona Law Review
  - Browning Award for Excellence in Constitutional Law
- Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina: *Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Communication, cum laude* with Honors in Politics, May, 2001.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- EPCOR USA, Inc.: General Counsel and Vice President, Corporate Services, (9/19-today)
- Loquvam Law Firm: Owner and Managing Member (4/19-9/19)
- Arizona Public Service Company: Associate General Counsel, State Regulatory, Litigation, and Environmental (1/14-4/19); Senior Attorney (5/10-12/13)
- Fennemore Craig, P.C.: Commercial litigation associate (1/07-5/10)
- Cohen Kennedy Dowd & Quigley, P.C.: Commercial litigation associate (9/05-12/06)

Admitted to practice in the State of Arizona and the District Court of Arizona.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PERSONAL**

- Board Member, Greater Phoenix Chamber (1/20-present)
- Board Member, Alcoholism & Addiction Assistance Association (2008-2017); Chair (2017-2019)
- Board Member and Executive Committeeman, Hands On Greater Phoenix (2007-2013); Chairman (2012-2013)
- Executive Committee, Arizona Bar Association Administrative Section (2017-2019)
- Peer Support Monitor, Arizona State Bar Member Assistance Program (2009-2012)

T. Loquvam  
Explanation re: Question 5  
IRC Application August 2020

**Explanation re: registered and paid lobbyist**

I do not consider myself a “registered and paid lobbyist.” Nor do I meet the definition of a registered and paid lobbyist under A.R.S. § 41-1231 because, among other items, I am not “compensated for the primary purpose of lobbying on behalf of a principal.” Nonetheless, in an abundance of caution, I should note that I am registered as a lobbyist with the Arizona Corporation Commission under ACC Ethics Rule 5.2 on behalf of my current employer, EPCOR USA, Inc. I offer more detail below.

The nature of my responsibilities with EPCOR require that I register as a lobbyist with the Arizona Corporation Commission. Specifically, under ACC Ethics Rule 5.2, I must register as a lobbyist in order to speak with any Commissioner on virtually any issue. Because I am the primary liaison with Commissioners for EPCOR USA, Inc., I registered as a lobbyist for EPCOR with the Arizona Corporation Commission in September 2019.

Interacting with Commissioners is part of my role as EPCOR’s Vice President of Corporate Services. I am not specifically paid to “lobby,” but instead draw a normal salary that is paid whether I speak with a Commissioner or not. Among my other responsibilities (which include being EPCOR’s General Counsel), I am EPCOR’s primary spokesperson at the Commission for the myriad of instances that may necessitate direct communication with Commissioners. These instances could include, for example, explaining some aspect of EPCOR’s operations to Commissioners outside of a formally scheduled Open Meeting, notifying Commissioners of an emergency that has arisen, or disclosing to Commissioners that EPCOR’s facilities have been damaged.

I have never otherwise registered as a lobbyist for EPCOR or for any other entity (i) under A.R.S. § 41-1232; (ii) with the ACC; or (iii) with any other governmental body.

T. Loquvam  
Explanation re: No. 7  
IRC Application August 2020

**Explanation re: being an officer of a business enterprise**

I am currently the General Counsel and Vice President of Corporate Services for EPCOR USA, Inc. I joined EPCOR in September 2019. Below is a brief explanation of my role:

As Vice President of Corporate Services, Thomas has oversight for developing and guiding strategic goals and objectives that align with the company's long-term vision and growth within the United States. Among his areas of responsibility are Customer Care & Billing, Public & Government Affairs, Information Services, and Rates & Regulatory.

As General Counsel, Thomas is responsible for all legal matters involving EPCOR USA and its regulated and unregulated U.S. subsidiaries, including corporate and regulatory compliance, litigation, operational agreements, and management of real property issues.