

## Redistricting advisory group defines political power

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In 2010, Minneapolis voters authorized the creation of new boundaries for the city's thirteen wards and the Park Board's six districts to a Redistricting Group made up of the Charter Commission and an appointed Advisory Group. The Charter Commission is now soliciting applications for the Advisory Group.

The application deadline to join the Redistricting Advisory Group is March 25, 2011.

Redistricting happens every ten years, following the U.S. Census, and for interested residents there is a new opportunity to play an important role in the redistricting process that's about to start.

Redistricting is an important process, because having districts with equal populations helps ensure there is fair representation no matter where you live.

The Charter Commission seeks applicants who will bring diversity to the Redistricting Group, are active citizens, have knowledge of the many communities within the city, and will serve on a nonpartisan basis. However, while Advisory Group members are expected to participate in a nonpartisan manner, current or past involvement in political party activities does not disqualify an applicant from service.

The job description and application form are posted on the Charter Commission's website at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/charter-commission](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/charter-commission)