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April 19, 2024  
*Hand Delivered*

Central Library  
10 Kercheval  
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236  
Attention: Secretary, Library Board of Trustees

Dear Mr. Lapastora:

Enclosed is my Library Trustee Application for the position allocated to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.

I would like to be appointed to serve another term on the Board of Trustees because the Grosse Pointe Public Library is a priceless asset to this community, and I consider it to be both an honor and a privilege to be able to serve as a steward of that asset.

In addition, I have very much enjoyed working with and interacting with my fellow Trustees, and with the Library Director, the Assistant Director and various Library staff members. The talents and dedication that all of them bring to their respective positions are inspiring, and constitute a strong incentive for me to want to continue working with them.

I believe that I have made significant contributions to the Board, by drawing upon my legal background and experience in addressing certain major issues which the Board has confronted over the past four years, such as those pertaining to: (1) the renovations and improvements to the Library branches, (2) the Library's finances, (3) proposed revisions to Library policies and (4) proffered art donations to the Library.

I have been a lifelong patron and supporter of public libraries in the communities where I resided. That interest led me to apply, and be selected for, a position on the Board of Directors of The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, where I served from 2015 to 2020.

While on The Friends' Board, I worked with other service-oriented persons who shared both my passion for the Library, and a desire to firmly support it.

My skill set, which has been further developed by my years on The Friends' Board of Directors and the Library Board of Trustees, consists of an open mind, a strong work ethic, organizational abilities, an interest in problem analysis and resolution and a willingness to discuss and debate issues with my colleagues, as well as to compromise, when the situation at hand makes it appropriate to do so.

In my considered opinion, the most important issue facing the Grosse Pointe Public Library today is the same one that I noted in my application for the Board in 2020; namely, the challenge of remaining relevant to the community at large in an age where social media, ever-improving electronic devices and shortened attention spans (especially among those who have come of age in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century) compete for the time and attention of potential library patrons.

The Library administration and staff has done an excellent job of reaching out to the students and other young members of our community (including young families), by offering programs and amenities designed to appeal to them, and to encourage their patronage. They have also sought to expand the number of library card holders in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding environs, by contacting households whose members have not taken advantage of these benefits in the past.

It is my hope and belief that efforts such as these, if continually improved and refined, will foster among the younger generations the same sense of commitment to, and support for the Library, and an appreciation for what it has to offer, as that of the older generation.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my application, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,



Thomas G. Peck

Enclosure

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE APPLICATION**



Library trustees serve appointed four-year terms on the Library Board of Trustees. Each Grosse Pointe municipality and Harper Woods is represented on the board with one additional at-large member. Board members are responsible for hiring and evaluating the Director of the Library, and to oversee the fiscal management and general library business. The library board meets once a month with additional meetings required occasionally. This position requires a minimum commitment of six hours per month. Applicants must be a qualified elector of the library district. There are no other specific qualifications; however, current board members have demonstrated their belief in a strong, fiscally sound and progressive library.

Please complete the application below if you **live within the Grosse Pointe School District and a resident of the city of Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores, or Grosse Pointe Woods.** You may include a resume, if available. In addition to the application, please prepare a brief letter covering the following topics:

- Why do you want to serve on the Library Board?
- What talents would you bring to the Library Board?
- Have you had experience working with or in a library? If yes, where?
- What do you feel is the most important issue facing the Grosse Pointe Public Library?

***Return by Thursday, April 25, 2024 5:00 p.m. to:***

Central Library  
10 Kercheval  
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236  
Attention: Secretary, Library Board of Trustees

NAME: Thomas Gerard Peck

ADDRESS: 1306 Blairmoor Court, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48236

TELEPHONE: Home: [REDACTED] Work: [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

OCCUPATION: Attorney and Counselor

LIST YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ORGANIZATIONS OF WHICH YOU ARE A

MEMBER, Please indicate any leadership roles and note the dates of involvement.

Religious Education Instructor, St. Joan of Arc Parish, 2007-Present

Member, Board of Directors, Notre Dame Club of Detroit, 2019-Present

Member, By-Laws Committee, Blue Water Beach Subdivision Association, 2023-Present

PLEASE NAME TWO REFERENCES:

NAME RELATIONSHIP TELEPHONE

1. Loretta A. Baker Longtime friend, former colleague [REDACTED]

2. Chuck & Betty Loehner Neighbors of 30 years [REDACTED]