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Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

✓ I am interested in making application to serve as a member on the following Board/Commission:

☐ Beautification Commission	☐ Building Authority
☐ Board of Review	☒ Community Tree Commission
☐ Citizens' Recreation Commission	☐ Downspout Board of Appeals
☐ Construction Board of Appeals	☐ Historical Commission
☐ Community Events Committee	☐ Mack Avenue Business Study Committee
☐ Local Officers' Compensation Commission	☐ Planning Commission
☐ Pension Board	☐ Other:
☐ Senior Citizens' Commission	

NAME: Patricia Kiska

ADDRESS: 20050 Marford Court

TELEPHONE: Home: Cell: [REDACTED]

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

OCCUPATION: Retired newspaper journalist; journalism & healthcare volunteer

OF YEARS RESIDENT OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS (Minimum 2 yrs. required): 45

PERSONAL SKILLS OR AREAS OF EXPERTISE RELATIVE TO THE COMMISSION:

Strong communication skills, with 40 years of writing and editing experience; avid gardener

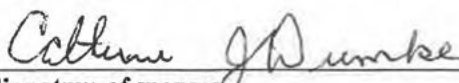
EDUCATION: BA Michigan State University; named Outstanding Alumnae in its College of Communication Arts & Sciences

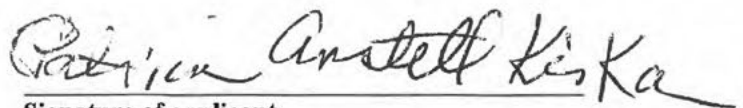
PROFESSIONAL / SERVICE CLUB AFFILIATIONS:

Women in Communications-Detroit, past board member and current mentor; Henry Ford Cancer Institute-patient/family advisory council; Urban Aging News, mentor.

DESCRIBE WHY YOU WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE COMMISSION/BOARD:

I can help write and edit messages to the community about the commission's work; have time to help with community education programs


Signature of sponsor


Signature of applicant

Date: 9/30/26

Return to Clerk's Office: cityclerk@gpwmil.us

NOTE: Biographical sketches will be retained on file for one year. Please resubmit a new form after that time.

Patricia Anstett is an experienced, Detroit-based journalist and author who was the medical writer at The Detroit Free Press for 25 years.

She is a three-time Pulitzer Prize nominee, has been inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame and named an outstanding alumna of Michigan State University's College of Communication Arts & Sciences.

Her 40-year journalism career includes work in three major cities _ Detroit, Chicago and Washington D.C. _ where she worked as a reporter and editor at the Detroit Free Press, the Detroit News, the Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Today, Congressional Quarterly, Features & News Inc. and the National Observer. Her freelance work includes stories for the Huffington Post, Paris Match, Reader's Digest, Washingtonian and Chicago magazines and Bridge Michigan. Most recently Anstett has focused on aging topics for Urban Aging News, a quarterly publication for 60,000 older people and professionals in metro Detroit.

Anstett has written two books _ one a widely available book about breast cancer surgery and reconstruction options; the other described how patients in the Beaumont Health System faced and overcame a wide range of health challenges, from metastatic cancer to learning disabilities.

Anstett works as a volunteer patient advocate for the Henry Ford Health Cancer Institute, as well as a volunteer for the St. Vincent de Paul Society as a telephone help coordinator, and as a mentor for Women in Communications-Detroit.

She is an avid gardener.