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APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, & BOARDS

Date of Application: 08/15/2025

Please check the committee for which you are applying for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Lathrup Village Foundation Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Authority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Development Authority (DDA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic District Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusion, Diversity, & Accessibility Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Name: Jenanne Clarke

Address: [REDACTED]
Street, City, State, Zip

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: _____

Are you at least 18 years of age: YES ☒ NO ☐

Are you a registered voter in Lathrup Village: YES ☒ NO ☐

Have you been a resident of Lathrup Village for 1+ years: YES ☒ NO ☐

A resume/CV is required with your application. Additionally, please include a letter that covers any additional information that clearly states your qualifications for serving on the committee you selected and why you believe you are the best fit to serve Lathrup Village.

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 08/15/2025

Applicants must be in good standing with the City to be eligible for committee, commission, or board appointment. Any outstanding violations or payments associated with the applying individual or individuals' property may result in the submitted application being rejected.

Return completed application to:
Lathrup Village – City Clerk, 27400 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, MI 48076

Kelly Garrett
Mayor

Bruce Kantor
Mayor Pro-Tem

Jalen Jennings
Council Member

Dalton Barksdale
Council Member

Jason Hammond
Council Member

Jerianne Clarke

[REDACTED]
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

[REDACTED]
August 15, 2025

City of Lathrup Village

Attn: Planning Commission Selection Committee
27400 Southfield Road
Lathrup Village, MI 48076

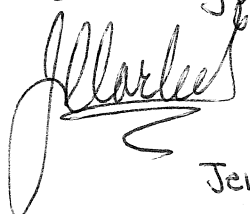
Dear Members of the Planning Commission Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Lathrup Village Planning Commission. Having called Lathrup Village home since 2008, I have a deep appreciation for our city's unique character and a vested interest in ensuring its thoughtful growth and development. My academic background in Political Science and Environmental Studies, combined with hands-on legislative experience and technical collaboration, has equipped me with the skills and perspective necessary to contribute meaningfully to the Commission's work.

During my tenure as a Legislative Intern in the United States Senate, I engaged with policy development processes, analyzed legislation, and observed the interplay between constituent priorities and regulatory frameworks. This experience strengthened my ability to evaluate proposals critically, balance competing interests, and communicate effectively with diverse stakeholders. All of which are skills that are beneficial to the Planning Commission's mission.

Beyond my work in legislative and technical settings, I have engaged directly with communities through grassroots organizing and advocacy with Clean Water Action and Greylock Campaigns, mobilizing residents on various policy issues and raising support for both state and local initiatives. These experiences have strengthened my ability to listen to diverse perspectives, build consensus, and translate community concerns into actionable solutions; an approach I believe is essential in city planning.

I am eager to bring this experience to the Planning Commission while continuing to learn from the dedicated members who serve our community. I look forward to contributing to thoughtful planning decisions that support Lathrup Village's future while deepening my own understanding of municipal processes. It would be an honor to serve in a role that allows me to give back to the place I have proudly called home for over fifteen years.

Sincerely,

Jerianne Clarke

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Education

University of Michigan

Majors: *Political Science & Afro-American and African Studies*

Minor: *Environmental Sciences*

Ann Arbor, MI

Expected May 2026

Professional Experience

Clean Water Action

Field Canvasser

Ann Arbor, MI

June 2025 - July 2025

- Engaged community members on the impact of proposed legislation and clean water initiatives, leading to increased petition signatures mobilizing grassroots support and membership enrollment.
- Secured financial contributions from new and returning donors to fund advocacy efforts, consistently meeting or exceeding daily fundraising targets.

Office of Senator Gary Peters

Legislative Intern

Washington, D.C.

September 2024 - December 2024

- Attended committee hearings and legislative briefings, preparing detailed summaries to keep senior staff informed on policy developments and stakeholder positions specifically on the environmental portfolio.
- Assisted with constituent services by responding to inquiries and managing casework, ensuring timely and effective communication between the Senator's office and the public.

Greylock Campaigns

Fundraiser

Ann Arbor, MI

June 2024 - August 2024

- Conducted in-person canvassing and phone banking to raise awareness and funds for contracted political campaigns, while building a monthly donor base in the state of Michigan.
- Collaborated with team members to refine persuasive communication strategies, achieving daily fundraising

Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan

Researcher

Ann Arbor, MI

April 2024- Present

- Utilized historical artifacts to create engaging content for community programming.
- Analyzed primary and secondary sources to uncover the contributions of black individuals to the University's history, resulting in a more inclusive historical narrative

Campus Leadership

The University of Michigan's Caribbean Student Association

Co-President

Ann Arbor, MI

August 2022 - Present

- Planned events to build community and promote the organization.
- Developed ideas for maintenance and future expansion of CSA; collaborated with other organizations.
- Composed Instagram posts to engage & inform our community members creatively.

Skills

- Public Speaking, Data Entry & Record Management, Microsoft 365 & Google Workspace
- Languages: Spanish (intermediate)