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**To:** Members of the MML Workers' Compensation Fund  
**From:** Michael J. Forster, Fund Administrator  
**Date:** June 24, 2024  
**Subject:** Fund Trustee Election

Dear Fund Member:

Enclosed is your ballot for this year's Board of Trustees election. Three appointees have agreed to seek election to their first term. You may also write in one or more candidates if you wish.

A brief biographical sketch of the candidates is provided for your review.

I hope you will affirm the work of the Nominating Committee by returning your completed ballot in the enclosed return envelope, no later than August 9th. Alternately, you may complete your ballot online:

Go to [www.mml.org](http://www.mml.org). At the top of the page, hover over *Programs & Services* and select *Risk Management* from the drop-down list. Next, look for the *Jump To* panel and select *Workers' Compensation Fund*. The ballot link is on the next page, in the *Jump To* panel, under *Online Forms*.

The MML Workers' Compensation Fund is owned and controlled by its members. Your comments and suggestions on how we can serve you better are very much appreciated. Thank you again for your membership in the Fund, and for participating in the election of your governing board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Forster".

Michael J. Forster  
Fund Administrator  
mforster@mml.org

Recommended Motion:

Motion/Second to appoint Victor Cardenas, Daniel Cross, and Bridget Dean as members of the MML Workers' Compensation Fund.

THE CANDIDATES  
Four-year terms beginning October 1, 2024



***Victor Cardenas, City Manager, City of Novi***

Victor Cardenas joined the City of Novi as Assistant City Manager in October 2010. He was named Interim City Manager in November 2022 and was selected as City Manager in June 2023. For twelve years, Mr. Cardenas assisted the City Manager in developing program strategies to achieve City Council goals and to improve the quality of life in Novi. He coordinates day-to-day operations and ensures integration of services among City Departments as well as the dependable delivery of high-quality services while conserving community resources. Mr. Cardenas instituted a citizen relationship software that has greatly improved Novi's receipt of service requests and workflow management and created a digitized version of the City's Capital Improvement Program. He continues to be active with the International City/County Management Association, being elected to the Board of Directors in 2020, the Michigan Municipal Executives and multiple committees, associations, and organizations throughout the region. Additionally, he sits on the boards for the Intelligent Transportation Society of Michigan and the Michigan Library Network. Victor is seeking election to his first term.



***Daniel Coss, City Administrator, City of DeWitt***

Daniel Coss was appointed DeWitt's City Administrator in 2011, after previously working for the City of Marysville for more than 11 years. Dan is originally from the mid-Michigan area and has a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Michigan State University and a Master's of Science Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. Daniel is seeking election to his first term.



***Bridget Dean, Mayor, City of Berkley***

Bridget Dean was first elected to Berkley City Council in 2019 and re-elected in 2023. She and her husband have lived in Berkley since 2005 and have two grown children. Bridget has owned the knit shop "...have you any Wool?" in Berkley for twenty years. Being both a resident and business owner gives her a unique perspective and compliments the skills already on City Council. Bridget has been active in numerous organizations, as a member and vice chair of the Berkley Downtown Development Authority and several of its committees, and as a member and board member of the Greater Berkley Chamber of Commerce. Bridget is seeking election to her first term.

OFFICIAL BALLOT - 2024

Vote for three trustees by marking the line to  
the left of the name for four year terms  
beginning October 1, 2024

Victor Gardens, Appointee  
Manager, City of Novi

Daniel Goss, Appointee  
Administrator, City of DeWitt

Bridget Dean, Appointee  
Mayor, City of Berkeley

Write in candidate

I hereby certify that

(Municipality/Agency)

by action of its governing body, has authorized  
its vote to be cast for the above persons to  
serve as trustees of the Michigan Municipal  
League Workers' Compensation Fund

Official Signature

Date

Ballot deadline:  
August 9, 2024