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Thank you for your interest

Name:

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Are you a registered voter in the City of Novi?

Yes

How long have you lived continuously in the City of Novi?

41 years at 40471 Franklin Mill Novi

Employed by:

Presently retired. Previously self-employed in Investments/Insurance

Educational Background:

Undergraduate degree in Psychology from West Virginia Wesleyan College

Please describe your professional qualifications, skills and/or work experience, and how you would use these to benefit the community.

Balanced and managed annual budgets of over 70 million dollars. Successfully passed numerous community bond projects. Negotiated contracts for bargaining units including: Superintendents, administrators, teachers, custodians, maintenance, transportation, food service, secretarial workers. (2nd largest employer in Novi) Oversaw building, operating, and or remodeling of all classroom facilities, athletic stadiums, athletic gymnasiums and natatoriums. (Largest amount of square footage under roof in Novi, more than the entire 12 Oaks Mall.)

Please list any City Board or Commission, or community group(s) you are currently or have previously been active. Describe your role and how your involvement contributed to the community.

Near 22 years as elected Novi Community School District School Board of Education Trustee. Served several terms as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Chaired committees on Buildings and Facilities, Finance, Capitol Programs, Curriculum.

Describe your current and past volunteer involvement in or for the City?

I have always viewed my previously held position on the Novi Community School District Board of Education as a volunteer position while being an elected one.

What motivated you to apply to serve on City Council?

A desire to continue giving to our community.

If appointed, what do you hope to accomplish during your term? What do you hope to learn?

The City of Novi stands out as a lighthouse municipality in our state. I would anticipate keeping it headed in the same direction providing outstanding services to our community. The particular focus of my term if so appointed would be to improve the well being of our underserved communities of elderly, disabled, and those who are current or past military. The continuation of a vibrant and strong public safety program would be a prime objective. I would anticipate learning much about our charter, our mission, and our present support for our specified communities.

What do you think the City is doing well or could be doing differently when you think about the areas of responsibility for City Council?

We are doing many things well in this community, My thoughts on areas of improvement are to be viewed more as a desire to move from a 8 on a scale of 1-10 to a 10. A review of the underserved communities, a review of fire and safety, and a review of our current relationship with developers and contractors are areas I might suggest we pursue.

Do you foresee any conflict of interest if you were appointed to serve as a Council Member?

Not at all.

Is there anything else you would like City Council to be aware of, or know about you?

During my near 22 years on the School Board I always kept my focus on achieving what was best for our Community and our Students. In that length of time we achieved a number one ranking in the State of Michigan. I never allowed politics to influence my vote. My promise to this Council and the citizens of Novi is to do the same as a member of council.