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Thank you for your interest

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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?

43 Years - 38 as a homeowner

Employed by:

Retired

Educational Background:

Bachelors degree Electrical and Computer Engineering – University of Michigan – Magna Cum Laude Masters in Business Administration – Oakland University – Honors Program

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

40 years of customer service in the computer and software services industry. In early career installed the first Computer System at the City of Novi. (Data General) Expertise in negotiating, measuring and delivering goal performance and Service Level agreements. Strong project management skills in managing projects and efforts. International Business Experience (Employment includes representing UK, German Firms, and a startup sponsored by Japanese Venture Capitalism. Customer service to the Canadian Federal and Provincial Governments.) Companies: =Data General – Minicomputers/PC's =Network Express – Direct networking services (early internet services) -Funded by Japanese venture capital, Private company which went public =Symbol Technologies – Early wireless networks, barcode systems, Warehouse management =OpenConnect Systems – Attaching legacy systems for easy internet Access/Connect Canadian initiatives through the Canadian Government. =NetManage/Micro Focus – Further internet connecting / services. Direct support for Chrysler, Fortune 500, Government entities. NetManage purchased by UK firm MicroFocus =iPoint Systems – Government compliance reporting for sustainability and anti-human trafficking (related to US

conflict mineral regulations) US startup branch of German firm

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.

= Library Board – Current Secretary – 3 years – Mayoral appointment - Strategic board Chairman – recent Strategic planning committee - Worked to build and create the citizens committee. Current 501-c3 activities: = Junior Achievement of Southeast Michigan - Supplementing financial education, entrepreneurship, personal finance, and workplace readiness to school ages (grades 2-12) and young adults – to 25. = Michigan Alumni Association – Northville area - Raising scholarship dollars for University of Michigan scholars from Novi, Northville and some Livonia High Schools. = Michigan Freedom Center - Providing services at Metro Airport to active and veteran service members. “Serving those that serve us”.

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

Schools and Sports 501-c3 organizations: = Novi/Northville Youth Football – Announcer and fund raiser – 4 years - Increased Fund Raising ability - Created Surplus (organization increased opportunities for Novi/Northville youth) = Novi Athletic Boosters – 5 years = Novi Band Boosters – 4 years – Executive Board – Communications and Publicity - Active Fund raising - Standardized reporting to School Board Community 501-c3 and service organizations = Novi Parks Foundation – 5 years – served 3 as Secretary -Part of the early founding of the organization – Active Fund raising = Walkable Novi Committee – 1.5 years – appointed by City Council -Part of the discussions/analysis of “complete streets” = Citizens Road Committee – 2 years - appointed by City Council -Developed the published plan in spite of the challenges of Covid

What motivated you to apply to serve on City Council?

I felt I could contribute based upon my experience and educational background. I also have a unique perspective in that I have lived in various different areas in the city. While on walkable Novi, I was the only person to have lived in 3 of the 4 quadrants of the City (dissected by Novi Road, and the Freeway). Northwest Novi - 4 years, Southeast Novi - 12 years, Southwest Novi 26 years

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

Hope to help navigate through the current economic situations. Especially challenging will be the inflationary environment if it continues. I would like to note that when I moved to Novi and was establishing myself inflation in the early 80's was in double digits (first Novi Mortgage at prevailing 14% interest rates). I would also like to note, that in each organization I have worked with, seldom have I found that I was aware of all the problems and needs of the organization. I have also worked on boards, commissions and committees with many current and former council members and am adept at finding compromise.

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?

My focus would be how we benefit those on the “edges” of our society. First as discussed in several meetings and the current election is our seniors. Senior retention and added services need to be a focus. The other area is finding a path for young adults and persons in lower income areas. I moved to Novi as a student 2 years out of college, with no family or appreciable savings. This has become significantly harder to accomplish with few entry level

housing/apartment choices and little support.

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

I see no conflict of interest. I assume I would need to resign from the Library Board as I have seen other Council appointees and new members resign such positions.

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

As mentioned I am retired and thus have a fairly flexible schedule to attend to the city's needs.