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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?*

29 years

Employed by

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools

Educational Background*

B.S. - Elementary Education, Eastern Michigan University M.A - Educational Technology, Grand Valley State University

Please describe your professional qualifications, skills and/or work experience, and how you would use these to benefit the boards and/or commissions for which you are applying.*

I have been involved with the City for many years - first volunteering a lot of time with the Novi Public Library before being appointed to the Library Board as a Student Representative while I was in high school and then as a trustee a few years later. I had the opportunity to work with many staff members and city leaders, serving on different committees during my time on the board which has benefitted from my employment with the City in PRCS. I do have basic knowledge of the election process as I have been an election inspector with the City since 2011, working in regular elections to smaller, local elections. In addition, I have supported early voting at the Civic Center through my role in PRCS. With this working knowledge, this will be beneficial when serving on the Election Commission.

Please list any community groups with which you are currently or have previously been active and describe your role.*

-I am currently involved with the Walled Lake Schools' PTSA Council as the Reflections Committee chair. In this role, I promote the program to our school community, answer questions and support my building-level chairs, communicate information with the state and national level PTA groups for advancements in the Reflections program, and also

plan/organize the district-wide celebration with over 500 individuals in attendance. -Novi Library Board of Trustees - I have been on the Library Board of Trustees as a Student Representative from 2011-2013 and as an appointed trustee from 2018 to 2022. In both roles, I worked with Library staff to help promote Library programs & resources with the community. As a trustee, I provided broad governance to allow the Director and her staff to have directions with policies and budget. I was also apart of the Strategic Planning, Events/Marketing/Outreach, Building & Grounds, and Human Resources committees. - Beautification Commission - working on ways to educate our community on ways they can beautify their yards, what the City is doing as well, and also with environmental factors. This role also oversees the Entryway Grant program and also the Community Development Block Grant program. I have been the secretary of the commission for the past year.

What motivated you to apply to serve on a board or commission, and why did you select the boards/commissions that you did?*

I was motivated to be involved with the City most of my life which I have been glad to have been able to do through my part-time employment and myriad of volunteer opportunities (both as appointed board members or simply as an event volunteer) I took part in. I also was a part of the first Ambassadors Academy class and learned a lot more about the inner workings of the City and how they work closely together to serve our residents' and greater community. Being involved with the elections for almost fifteen years and also my role as a social studies teacher also made me interested in serving on the Election Commission to help guide the decisions of the Clerk's office when it comes to elections.

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

If appointed to the Election Commission, I would like to learn more about the City's role in elections. Through this, I would also want to be able to educate and answer questions of our community if they have it regarding the election process and what role the commission plays. There is a lot of misinformation shared and through my work as an election inspector, I have been able to explain and clarify the process to voters.

What do you think the City is doing well or could be doing differently when you think about the areas of responsibility for the boards and/or commissions for which you are applying?

I think the City is doing well overall and takes a forward-thinking approach in many of their initiatives, goals, and budget planning. Some improvements I would like to see the Election Commission look into (or help guide/provide input) is how we can make voting precincts more accessible for the voters they are serving, looking at distance as some precincts on the north-end pass several other precincts before reaching their precinct.

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

If appointed, I will continue with the Beautification Commission (if council wants and allows).

1st Choice

Election Commission

2nd Choice

Library Board

3rd Choice

List any additional choices (in order of preference)

Beautification areas of expertise

Board of Review areas of expertise

Building Authority areas of expertise

City Council Cultural Arts Committee

Construction Board of Appeals areas of expertise

Corridor Improvement Authority areas of expertise

Economic Development Corporation areas of expertise

Election Commission areas of expertise

Registered Voter (required)

Basic Knowledge of Election Process

Historical Commission Area of Expertise

Library Board areas of expertise

Novi Resident (Required)

Policymaking/Review

Marketing/Public Relations

Customer Service

PRCS areas of expertise

Planning Commission areas of expertise

Public Utilities and Technology Committee

Zoning Board areas of expertise

Signature/Date

Torry Yu, 5/19/2025