
City of Novi, MI

Citywide Strategic Plan Project

Elected Official Interview Guide

Purpose: Initial conversations to capture elected officials' pertinent thoughts regarding what makes the City of Novi distinctive, what the City of Novi does well, what can be improved, and how it can become an even stronger and more dynamic area in the coming years.

- 1) In an ideal world, what does the City of Novi look and feel like five years from now?
- 2) What are the biggest obstacles to realizing that vision in the City of Novi?
- 3) How do you define "quality of life" for the residents and neighborhoods in City of Novi? That can mean different things to different people. What does it mean to you, and what can City of Novi do to improve the existing quality of life here?
- 4) What does/should effective community engagement look like in City of Novi – so that all segments of Novi's population are represented, feel listened to, and can positively impact our community?
- 5) What should the City of Novi's relationship be with other local governments and other regional government partners? What realistic collaborations and strategies would you suggest that could benefit Novi?
- 6) What do you think are the biggest concerns of community members? (Examples might be traffic, taxes, development, etc.) How do you think the City of Novi can and should address these?
- 7) Name a few things that the City of Novi does well. Be specific.
- 8) Name a few things that the City of Novi can do better. How can improvement be achieved in that regard? Be specific.
- 9) If you could accomplish one thing as a City Council member over the next three years that would make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of City of Novi residents,

businesses, and communities what would that be? What about over the next five years?

10) Is there anything else we haven't discussed that you believe is important for consideration in developing City of Novi's strategic plan?