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ELECTION COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT

Thank you for your continued interest in serving on an advisory board or commission. The purpose of this form is to provide City Council members with comprehensive information about board or commission members who wish to be reappointed at the end of their term. Please provide thoughtful, detailed answers. City Council will make appointments based on this application and a two minute introductory speech given by all candidates during a City Council meeting. Boards and commissions candidate introductions typically take place in February, June, and December. This application will be kept on file for one year, and is open for public inspection upon request.

Name (Please print): Robert P. Copes

Nickname, if preferred: Bob

Address: 40571 Ladene Lane

Preferred Phone Number: 248-752-6024

E-mail: audnbob@yahoo.com

Employed by: Retired

For which board or commission are you re-applying? Election Commission

Why would you like to continue to serve?

Many years ago there was an unexpired term on the City Council that I interviewed for. Council quite gently pointed out that I had no experience anywhere with any Council or Commission within Novi and perhaps it would be best if I first got some experience before attempting to join the City Council. It was not long after this that Mary Ann Cornelius approached me to become an Election Worker. Except for a few years while I served on the Oakland County Board of Canvassers, I have continued to be an Election Worker in Novi, which eventually led to my application for consideration to become an Election Commissioner for the City of Novi. Elections have become the fiber of my soul and I seek to continue to serve my fellow Novi citizens in doing what I can to assure free, fair, open and honest elections in Novi.

What are you proud of accomplishing during your term?

Our City Clerk is highly proficient in the administration of elections under MCL 168, Michigan Election Law. While on the Board of Canvassers I became highly familiar with MCL 168. Having brought that knowledge to the table has triggered discussions and fostered collaborative consensus that has enabled Novi, our Clerk's office and our trained Election Workers to continue to conduct elections that withstand the closest scrutiny of the Board of Canvassers and audits that are periodically performed by the County Clerk and/or the State Bureau of Elections. Anyone who has worked with me knows that I have a passion for the processes that deliver free, fair, open and honest elections to the populace.



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If reappointed, what do you hope to accomplish in your next term?

Our workforce of scores of volunteer Election Workers is never static. For the work product I saw from other election jurisdictions in Oakland County during the Canvass, Novi is recognized as providing excellent training to both the Clerk's staff as well as the Election Workers. As Election Law continues to evolve, I will continue to work with our Clerk to assure we have a firm understanding of the changing election landscape with the drive to continuously add to and improve our training so that we can continue to deliver flawless election results to our citizens and our candidates.

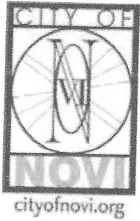
What do you want Council to know about your board or commission, and how can they assist your board or commission with its goals?

I ask that Council continue to provide support to the Clerk's office for what is needed to attract voters to come out and vote as well as to recruit, train and retain a qualified volunteer workforce of Election Inspectors. If you are asked to fund "I voted" stickers, then approve the funding. If you are asked to fund updated election hardware (some of these machines are quite expensive) then support what we are trying to accomplish, or minimally maintain, and continue the unwavering support that elections have had for many years from Council.

Is there anything else you would like for Council to know about you and/or your work on the board or commission?

I started this journey 20+ years ago by interviewing for an unexpired term on City Council. I'm no longer wanting to pursue a City Council seat. I have been blessed with a lifestyle that permits me to get away from the snow and lack of sunshine for a few months at a time and am unwilling to withstand winter's harshness in order to sit on Council every two weeks. I do ask, though, that you help me to continue my devotion to elections and dedication to Novi by renewing my appointment to Novi's Election Commission.

Thank you for your support.



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I understand I am not a City of Novi employee. I further understand the City of Novi is not obligated to accept my offer of volunteering service to the City of Novi. The City of Novi reserves the right to terminate my volunteer service at any time. I have read the Volunteer NOVI Guidebook and Policies. I will adhere to the policies and procedures of the City of Novi.

I authorize fingerprinting, criminal background checks, search of sex offender registry, and Department of Motor Vehicle checks as deemed necessary by the City of Novi. I authorize investigation of any matter contained in the application.

I understand as a volunteer I am **NOT** covered under the City of Novi's Workers' Compensation Policy for any injury or accident sustained during my volunteer assignment. I understand I am to report any injury or accident immediately to my supervisor. I further understand any medical costs or other costs incurred as result of incident will be my responsibility. I further understand if I fail to report the injury or accident immediately to my supervisor I may be released from my current volunteer assignment and may be Ineligible for any assignment in the future.

I give the City of Novi permission to use, publish and republish, without compensation or obligation to me any photographs, videos or other media now in existence, which may be developed for future use along with reproduction of my likeness taken during my volunteer service to the City of Novi.

I declare under penalty of perjury all statements made in this application are true and correct of my own personal knowledge.

Robert P. Lopez

Signature

November 8, 2023

Date