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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in serving on an advisory board or commission. The purpose of this form is to provide City Council members with comprehensive information about residents who would like to be considered for appointment. Please provide thoughtful, detailed answers. City Council will make appointments based on this application and a two minute introductory speech given by 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): Latasha Keller

Nickname, if preferred: _____

Address: 24463 Millstream Ln, Novi, MI 48375

Preferred Phone Number: 734-709-8270

E-mail: latashat327@gmail.com

Are you a registered voter in the City of Novi? Yes

How long have you lived continuously in the City of Novi? 8 years

Employed by: Allergy & Immunology Associates

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (2014), Masters- in progress (2023)

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.

As a registered nurse and graduate student, I consider myself a lifelong learner. I accept the fact that I don't know everything, but I strive to seek and understand at all times. I am determined, reliable, and trust-worthy. I am professional, respectful, and empathetic to others. I entire professional and educational careers have been in diverse settings and I am able to work alongside any person. I am organized, detail-oriented, and hard working.

I would use my skills and experience to benefit the Library Board by bringing a unique perspective as a current student and mother of school-aged children in the district. My children and I spend time in the Novi Library and in the community at large. I would uphold the standards of the Library Board and act with integrity and compassion when making decisions that benefit our amazing community. I will be an active participant as well as an acitve listener.



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

I do not belong to a formal community group. My children have participated in Bobcats Football & Cheer for years, so I have volunteered many times with this organization. I volunteered often at Village Oaks Elementary when my oldest daughter attended, and I currently volunteer at Orchard Hills Elementary where my youngest daughter attends. I attend Brightmoor Christian Church in Novi. This past election season, I ran for the Novi School Board. Despite not winning, I did receive over 4,000 votes. I recently fell in love with fitness, so I do have a membership at Orange Theory Fitness in Northville. I am a member of a few social media groups in the community, where I have meet a lot of people. Again, nothing too formal, but I am looking to increase my role in the community through volunteer experiences.

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

I've been wanting to be more involved in the community for some time now. After losing my election, I took a step back and wanted to focus on myself and my family for a while. Many people have asked to apply for this position, they believe in me, and they think I would be a great fit. I will be honest, it took some convincing myself to apply because whenever I set out to do something I want to succeed and be the best at it. My biggest motivators have been my family, my supporters, and my belief in myself that I capable of serving on the Library Board and serving well. I think the Board is looking for someone who loves this community, meshes well with other people, can make decisions, is respectful, and in this for the right reasons (not to be seen, not to put on a show).

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

I hope to accomplish a better understanding of my role and responsibilities. I have never served on a board before, so initially I hope to learn more about that process and how to overcome that learning curve. I hope to learn more about the strategic plan, the budget, policies, and programs offered through the library. I hope to serve the community well and accomplish great things for the residents of Novi. Children are pretty near and dear to my heart, so I hope to provide amazing opportunities for the children in Novi to get involved in the library and take advantage of all that it has to offer. I also hope to inspire my own children to be excited about the library and want to visit it more often (personal perk)!



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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 a good job with providing trainings and informational sessions to library board trustees to gain a deeper understanding of the ins and outs of running and operating a successful library. There is always room for improvement when it comes to setting board trustees up for success in their role and the City plays a huge part in that.

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

I am unable to attend the February 6 meeting, as I am out of town for a school-related event that entire week. I thank you so much for your time and attention. I especially thank you for this opportunity to apply for the Library Board.



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Please number the boards and commissions you're interested in serving on, in order of your preference, with "1" being the board or commission you're most interested in. For the boards and commissions you're interested in, check the corresponding qualifications/areas of expertise that apply to you. Not all boards and commissions have vacancies at this time; contact the Clerk's Office for further details.

_____ **Beautification Commission** evaluates entries for the City's Neighborhood Entryway Enhancement Matching Grant Program, and is involved in various beautification projects and public events.

☐ Gardening/Landscaping ☐ Leadership ☐ Fundraising

_____ **Board of Review** reviews property assessments as set by the City Assessor and hears appeals by individual property owners; then reduces, adds to or denies said appeal. A certification of the assessment role is required by the Board of Review per the state statute.

☐ Real Estate ☐ Construction ☐ Organization/Preparedness ☐ Logic/Reasoning

_____ **Building Authority** oversees the issuance of financing bonds for special projects within the City of Novi.

☐ Banking/Finance ☐ Property Appraisal/Assessing ☐ Real Estate/Development/Law

_____ **Construction Board of Appeals** exists as a "fact finding" body for builders and developers; hear appeals for questions of interpretation and proper application and equivalency.

☐ Architecture ☐ Construction ☐ Engineering

_____ **Corridor Improvement Authority** helps to correct and prevent deterioration in commercial business districts, and promote the economic growth within the districts.

☐ Reside/Own Property in District ☐ Codes/Regulations/Law ☐ Strategic Planning ☐ Resource Allocation

_____ **Economic Development Corporation** is a resource for reviewing requests for Industrial Revenue Bonds and for other economic development initiatives; meets only as needed.

☐ Professional/Business/Industry Background ☐ Finance ☐ Short/Long Range Planning

_____ **Election Commission** has the duties and powers conferred on City Election Commissioners by statute. The City Clerk is the chairman of the Commission.

☐ Registered Voter (required) ☐ Basic Knowledge of Election Process

_____ **Historical Commission** in cooperation with the Historical Society and the Novi Public Library, the Historical Commission is responsible for Old Township Hall (which serves as a museum), and for the collection, preservation and marking of historical sites.

☐ Love of History ☐ Organizational Skills ☐ Programming Knowledge ☐ Project Management

_____ **Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee** was formulated for the purpose of reviewing community development needs in regards to these Community Development Block Grant funds. The committee works in conjunction with City administration to develop annual CDBG goals for the City of Novi.

☐ Federal Grants ☐ Knowledge of Community Needs

1 _____ **Library Board** approves payment of bills, acts upon recommendations of the Library Administrator and handles various other business matters.

☐ Policymaking/Review ☐ Budget and Finance ☐ Marketing/Public Relations ☐ Customer Service



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_____ **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission** sets policy for and makes recommendations to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department. The Commissioners work together with professional staff in the areas of programming, budget, facilities, planning and public relations. The Commission has the responsibility of meeting community recreational objectives, and reflecting community needs to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department and City Council.

☐ Recreation/Cultural Arts Programs & Services ☐ Strategic Planning ☐ Advertising/Marketing/PR

_____ **Planning Commission** prepares a Master Plan for Land Use and advises the City Council in regard to the proper development of the City of Novi. The Planning Commission reviews and recommends to City Council all requests for change in zoning and ordinance text amendments.

☐ Architecture/Landscape Architecture ☐ Engineering ☐ Land Use Planning ☐ Real Estate Development/Law

_____ **Zoning Board of Appeals** authorizes use in a zoning district in which it is not otherwise permitted, provided it is clearly shown that the land cannot be utilized for a zoned use. The board is empowered to act on matters where zoning ordinances provide for administrative review, interpretation, exception or special approval permit, and to author a variance as defined in section 3104 of the Zoning Ordinance and Laws of the State of Michigan.

☐ Architecture ☐ Construction ☐ Land Use Planning ☐ Real Estate Development/Law

I understand I am volunteering my services with no monetary compensation or benefits. 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.

Latasha Keller

Signature

2/3/2023

Date