

**Michael Lynch (Mike)**

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Registered voter; lived continuously in Novi for 22 years.

Planning Commission reapplication

**Employed by:**

Ford Motor Company (*retired*)

General Motors (*retired*)

**Educational Background:**

**Formal Training:** Master of Science in Engineering Management, *Wayne State University*; Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, *Lawrence Institute of Technology*

**Applicable Specialized Training:** Executive Management Institute, Financial Engineering & Decision Support Analysis, Collaborative Decision Making; *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*: Basic Training for Planning Commissioners & Elected Officials, *American Planning Association*.

**Please describe your professional qualifications, skills and work experience and how you would use these to benefit the community?**

Mr. Lynch started his automotive career in manufacturing at General Motors where he worked full time and attended to school full time while completing his undergraduate degree. Upon graduation, Mike was recruited by Ford Motor Company and hired as a product design engineer.

As a design engineer, Mike became one of the very few scientists and engineers in the history of Company to receive Henry Ford's highest honor for technological achievement. Of his many U.S. Patents and Trade Secrets, his air bag triggering invention has been credited with saving hundreds of lives and adding over \$1B to Ford's bottom line during its production run. These facts are documented in the public record.

The Ford Motor Company Board of Directors recognized that senior management was lacking the technical skills needed to lead the corporation through the rapidly changing technological environment. Mr. Lynch was one of twenty-seven, high-potential executives selected to attend the first in the nation Master of Science in Engineering Management degree program.

Mike was promoted to various leadership positions and managed many diverse project teams in the United States, Europe and Asia during his career. The overwhelming majority of his management assignments focused on increasing the success rate of corporate innovation and invention. Through the use of very unique inventive problem solving techniques, Mr. Lynch was credited with accurately predicting evolutionary patterns of various technologies that allowed him to focus organizational resources in the specific technological direction that would provide the highest probability of successful outcomes.

After retirement, Mr. Lynch has demonstrated that his professional skills and knowledge are directly transferrable to the strategic development of Novi. His 18 years of public service is documented in the public record.

**Please list any community group(s) you are currently or have previously been active. Describe your role.**

Mike has a long track record of serving Novi as a Planning Commissioner (*currently Secretary*). He has been a member of the Capital Improvement Program sub-Committee, Master Plan & Zoning sub-Committee and Environmental sub-Committee at various times during his tenure. Mr. Lynch has also served his local community as former president of the Island Lake of Novi HOA.

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

Mike has thoroughly enjoyed working with various city council members and staff as a member of the Planning Commission over the years. As a longtime resident and experienced planning professional, he would like to continue providing his expertise to assist council with the strategic growth of the City of Novi.

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

Mr. Lynch's goal on the planning commission is to continue to use his knowledge and experience to establish a win-win framework for every project submitted for council's final evaluation/approval. Mike will continue to make reasonable/consistent decisions to ensure that the ~65,000 Novi residents are NOT subjected to the financial burden of unnecessary and avoidable litigation.

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

NO

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

Mr. Lynch takes his fiduciary duty very seriously and this is a red line he will never cross. Mike's commitment and quantitative actions to "public trust" is well documented in the public record.

