



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
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NOTICE OF MEETING
AND
AGENDA

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

Mayor Robert E. Novitke has called a meeting of the City Council, meeting as a Committee-of-the-Whole, for **Monday, May 14, 2012, at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 and is accessible through the Municipal Court doors. In accordance with Public Act 267, the meeting is open to the public and the agenda items are as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Acceptance of Agenda
4. Planning Commission Vacancy Interviews A. Interviews:
7:30 - Michelle Harrell
7:45 - Richard Rozycki
8:00 - Tonja Stapleton
5. Road Improvement/Ballot Language
6. Headlee Override/Ballot Language
7. New Business/Public Comment
8. Adjournment

Alfred Fincham
City Administrator

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 267 (OPEN MEETINGS ACT)
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Fireworks Committee	Historical Commission
Local Officers' Compensation Commission	Mack Avenue Business Study Committee
Pension Board	X Planning Commission
Senior Citizens' Commission	Other:

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E-Mail: mharrell@maddinhauser.com

OCCUPATION: Attorney

OF YEARS RESIDENT OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS: 11 1/2 years

PERSONAL SKILLS OR AREAS OF EXPERTISE RELATIVE TO THE COMMISSION:

Resident: Attorney: Please see attached

EDUCATION: Grosse Pointe North; University of Detroit; Wayne Law School

PROFESSIONAL / SERVICE CLUB AFFILIATIONS: Please see attached

DESCRIBE WHY YOU WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE COMMISSION/BOARD:

Please see attached

Signature of sponsor

Michelle C. Harrell
Signature of applicant

Date:

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MICHELLE C. HARRELL
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January 9, 2012

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mayor Robert E. Novitke
c/o Ms. Lisa K. Hathaway, City Clerk
20025 Mack Plaza Drive
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

RE: Planning Commission Vacancy

Dear Mayor Novitke:

I am very interested in being appointed to the City's Planning Commission. Enclosed is my Biographical Sketch.

After having aspired to move into the Grosse Pointe community for many years, I have now been a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods for 11 ½ years. I lived in Harper Woods from 1973-2000, but graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1984 because we lived in the Grosse Pointe School District. I value and appreciate the character, appearance, value and history of the Grosse Pointe Woods community and would strive to maintain it. I am an experienced real estate, land use, zoning and business attorney, and believe that I can provide valuable input and insight into the review and decisions to be made by the Commission.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Michelle C. Harrell

Enclosures

Michelle C. Harrell

Attachment to Biographical Sketch and Statement of Interest
For Planning Commission Application
January 9, 2012

Why would I be an asset to the Planning Commission? What personal skills or expertise do I have relative to the Planning Commission?

- I have been a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods for 11 ½ years. Prior to that time, I had been hoping to live there for many, many years. I value and appreciate the character, appearance, value and history of the Grosse Pointe Woods community and would strive to maintain it. I have three sons, ages 25, 22 and 18. My boys attended Grosse Pointe Public Schools from kindergarten through high school. My oldest son, Andrew, graduated from Grosse Pointe North in 2005. My middle son, Aaron, graduated from Grosse Pointe South in 2008. My youngest son, Adam, currently attends Grosse Pointe North and is a senior this year. I enjoyed my sons' graduation and attendance at Grosse Pointe North very much because I graduated from Grosse Pointe North in 1984.
- I am very familiar with Grosse Pointe Woods and its surrounding areas. Prior to purchasing our home in Grosse Pointe Woods, I grew up in Harper Woods. Our family moved there in 1973 when I was 7 years old. I attended St. Peter the Apostle Elementary School and then Grosse Pointe North. We were very fortunate to have the benefit of living within the Grosse Pointe school district so that I could enjoy a Grosse Pointe schools education. As I attended Grosse Pointe schools and lived in the area, I socialized with my friends in the Pointes and spent most of my formative years in the Grosse Pointes. When I first married, we bought a home in Harper Woods in 1994 near my parents, but my goal was to one day live in Grosse Pointe because I admired the beautiful homes and community and it was the perfect place to raise a family. Although it took me 6 years to graduate from college and

be able to afford a home in Grosse Pointe, we happily purchased our home on Yorktown Street in June of 2000. As a homeowner, parent and community member, I am very concerned about maintaining the character, safety and community of Grosse Pointe Woods while remaining fair and reasonable to those appearing before the City. This is particularly important due to the ongoing deterioration of some surrounding areas and the economic difficulties that municipalities and their residents are facing today.

- 6. I am an experienced real estate, land use, zoning and business attorney. I have been in practice for 18 years after having graduated from the University of Detroit in 1990 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting/Finance, and then from Wayne Law School in 1993. I am the Managing Shareholder of the Complex Litigation Group at the law firm Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Hellier, P.C. My practice focuses upon real estate and business disputes. Attached is an article written in the *Legal News* about my background and education, along with my firm profile. I have significant expertise in land use and zoning matters, and have sought rezoning, variances and related appeals before zoning boards of appeals in many cities and townships, and litigated related court cases. With my business background developed over many years of serving clients in a variety of businesses, I can provide useful insight, discussion and input into the deliberative process engaged in by the Planning Commission members relating to petitions and issues that are presented. In particular, I can also assist with suggesting and fashioning motions, deliberations, recommendations, and processes (along with the City's attorney) to make sure that the Commission's decisions are upheld if they are contested.

What are my professional/service club affiliations?

- State Bar of Michigan, licensed attorney in good standing since 1993
- Federal, Detroit, Oakland County and Macomb County Bar Associations
- Member: Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce
- Member: Lakeshore Optimists Club: an organization directed towards the support of young people, including social and educational endeavors
- Board Member: Michigan Hydrocephalus Association: an organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of hydrocephalus and the quality of life of those suffering from the condition
- Member: American Inns of Court (Barrister Emeritus): legal society that promotes the integrity and knowledge of the profession and mentoring of new attorneys
- Member: Wayne Law School Alumni Association
- Member: Alpha Sigma Nu – professional society at University of Detroit
- Member: State Bar of Michigan – U.S. Courts Committee: appointed by the President of the State Bar of Michigan in 2007; a committee that promotes the efficiency, processes and interactions among the state and federal courts in the State of Michigan



Areas of Practice

Litigation

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MICHELLE C. HARRELL is a Shareholder and Manager of the firm's General and Complex Litigation Practice Group. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in accounting, summa cum laude, from the University of Detroit in 1990 and her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Wayne State University Law School in 1993. While at Wayne State, Ms. Harrell participated in moot court competitions and received three American Jurisprudence Awards. Michelle is a Barrister Emeritus in the American Inn of Court, Oakland County Chapter, a Mentor in the Oakland County Bar Association Mentor Program and an Oakland County Circuit Court Case Evaluator (Complex Commercial Neutral). She was also appointed to serve as a member of the U.S. Courts Committee of the State Bar of Michigan to further the relationship and effective interaction between the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan and Michigan State Courts. Ms. Harrell concentrates her practice in the areas of complex commercial, real estate, receiverships and family law litigation. Ms. Harrell authored the article "Caveat Receiver: Practical Tips for Appointing or Serving as a Receiver" for the Michigan Bar Journal. Michelle's receivership expertise was the focus of the Michigan Lawyer's Weekly article, "Putting the Stress in Distressed" while several of her litigation matters were featured in the Crain's Detroit story "A&P Stops Paving Rent on Farmer Jack's Spaces: 24 Lawsuits Filed." She was also named as a DBusiness Top Lawyer for 2010 in the areas of Real Estate and Litigation. Michelle is an active member of the Hydrocephalus Association, Michigan Chapter.

Education

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Detroit, Michigan, Juris Doctor, Cum Laude 1993

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT, Detroit, Michigan, B. S., Accounting, Summa Cum Laude 1990

Professional Memberships

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

OAKLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

AMERICAN INN OF COURT, OAKLAND COUNTY CHAPTER

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

U.S. COURTS COMMITTEE, STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Detroit Legal News

December 28, 2011

The rewards of 'going for it'

Head of litigation group finds niche in 'Complex'

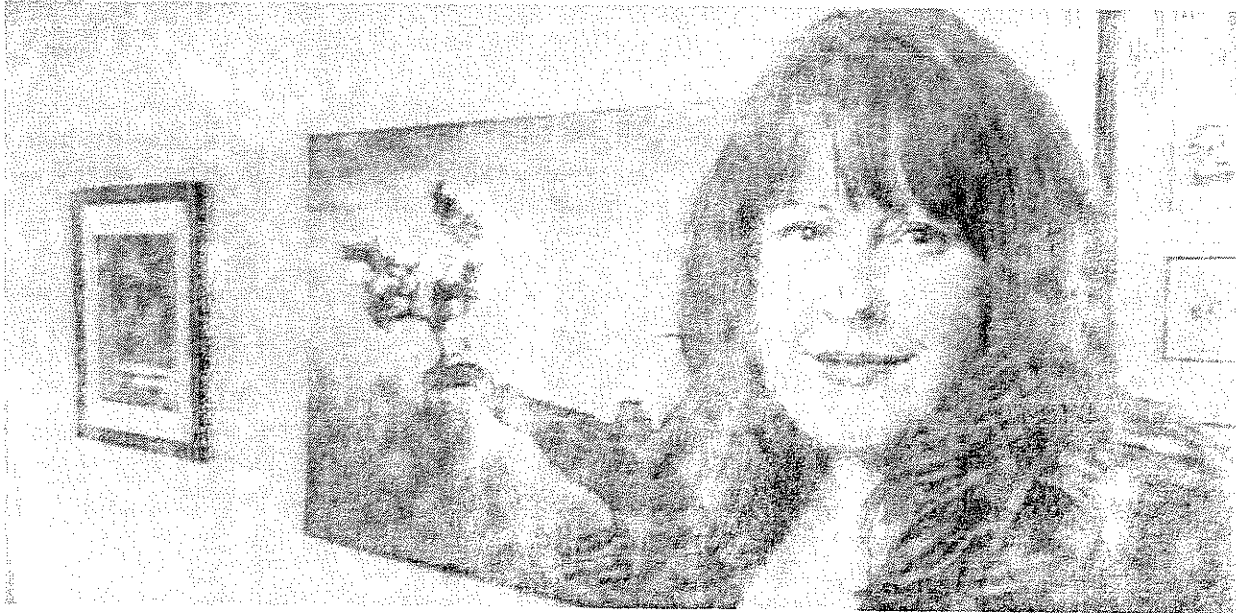


Photo by Robert Chase

A graduate of the University of Detroit and Wayne State Law School, Michelle Harrell originally planned to become a CPA before turning to a career in the law.

By Sheila Pursglove
Legal News

Michelle Harrell has a favorite quote from Theodore Roosevelt: "Believe you can and you're halfway there."

"I wrote that saying in my binder on my way to my first day of law school and still believe it today," she says.

Harrell, an attorney with Maddin Hauser and manager of the General and Complex Litigation Practice Group – and named as a DBusiness Top Lawyer for 2010 in the areas of Real Estate and Litigation – also drew inspiration from her parents. Her father, the first in the family to obtain a college degree, spent 13 years earning an accounting degree while working full time, and her mother worked as a legal secretary, to make a good life.

Wanting to provide the same stable life for her children, Harrell – who worked as a cashier at Kmart and at similar jobs – went on to obtain her bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Detroit, with the goal of becoming a Certified Public Accountant.

She was intrigued, however, by stories from her mother, a legal secretary for a small law firm in Highland Park, and then on the General Motors legal staff.

"I heard a lot about the legal profession, and the work the attorneys in her offices did interested me," Harrell says. "I heard exciting stories of cases, court hearings, clients and the law profession from my Mom and some of the attorneys from her office."

Harrell considered going to law school, but was unsure whether she had the smarts or the finances.

"There were no attorneys in my family. I had two small sons and I needed to start earning an income beyond the typical jobs that I had," she says. "When I was getting ready to graduate from the University of Detroit, my parents again encouraged me to continue my education and obtain a law degree. I decided I was going to 'go for it.'"

Wayne Law opened up an entirely new world.

"Much like the actual practice of law, the level of critical thinking, the course content, the intensity and drive of the other students, and the expectations of and teaching by the professors, were challenging and often stressful," she says.

"At the same time, the atmosphere was very collegial, friendly and enjoyable, and I learned to be a critical thinker. For example, prior to Wayne Law, I had not deeply understood anything about the Constitution, and learning about it while discussing society's issues was interesting beyond what I imagined it could be. I also learned about myself and that I was competitive by nature."

Clerking for the Hon. Deborah Servitto in the Macomb County Circuit Court, Harrell learned the tremendous difference between studying in law school and practicing law in court where the law intersects people's lives.

"I looked forward to coming to court every day and observing attorneys, the parties, and the judge interacting upon pending matters, in particular the matters that I had conducted research upon or had written memos," she says. "Judge Servitto exemplified the traits of a smart, caring, and fair jurist. After clerking for her, I made the choice that I wanted to be a litigator."

Harrell's practice focuses on complex commercial, real estate, receiverships, and family law litigation, allowing her to handle a variety of issues every day.

"No two matters are the same," she says. "I enjoy having the ability to help our clients through what is sometimes the most difficult times of their lives, and to provide practical advice that I would follow myself if I were in their shoes."

The General and Complex Litigation Practice Group, formed two years ago, is one of three litigation groups at Maddin Hauser.

"On a daily basis, we can be called upon to handle a complex matter involving a shareholder dispute and a municipal violation cited against a client," she says. "We're fortunate to have a variety of types of matters because it keeps things interesting. Much like a court, one never knows what matter will come through our door each day. We're equally fortunate to have the skill and experience to handle anything well.

"Working at Maddin Hauser is like coming to work each day with a group of smart, good friends who have the highest level of integrity, skill and concern for each other and the clients. I look forward to the daily interactions with everyone, and know there is always someone here that has insight and knowledge about whatever legal issues we may face with our clients. Maddin Hauser is not just a law firm, but is a place to engage in the practice of law with the very best colleagues, staff, and support."

Harrell is a Barrister Emeritus in the American Inn of Court, "an organization committed to increasing and promoting high levels of skill, integrity and interaction among its members," she says. "Membership has enabled me to interact with some of the finest attorneys and judges in Oakland County both on legal practice issues and socially."

An Oakland County Circuit Court Case Evaluator (Complex Commercial Neutral), Harrell also serves as a mentor with the Oakland County Bar Association, and enjoys seeing so much of her younger self in attorneys just starting their careers.

"When I was a new attorney, I was lucky to have several mentors, including Joseph Sulek, a well-known and liked general practice attorney in St. Clair Shores. Joe, who passed away in 1997, kindly imparted a lot of his practical knowledge and wisdom to me about practicing law, the courts, other attorneys and clients that I still think about today," she says. "Joe showed me that an attorney needs to be able to find a way to enjoy the practice of law and have fun in spite of the stress, adversarial attorneys and other frustrations that come with the practice. Every new attorney should have a mentor like Joe, and I try to contribute to the mentoring process both inside and outside of my firm."

Harrell serves on the U.S. Courts Committee of the State Bar of Michigan, interacting with many attorneys from across the state and federal judges from East and West districts about high level issues and the betterment of the relationship between the districts.

"Never pass up an opportunity to interact with people who are smarter and more experienced than you," she says.

Harrell has been very involved with the Hydrocephalus Association, Michigan Chapter, since her youngest son was diagnosed with hydrocephalus at age 16.

"A parent's nightmare, my son collapsed in the street when the pressure in his brain reached too high a level due to an over-accumulation of spinal fluid," she says. "It was like our family had been struck by lightning as we were thrust into brain surgeries,

recovery and rehabilitation and medical uncertainty.”

Harrell had previously incorrectly believed that hydrocephalus was a very rare condition that afflicted only babies either before or at birth. She learned it affects hundreds of thousands of people at all ages, and one to two of every 1,000 babies are born with hydrocephalus, making it as common as Down’s syndrome, and the most common reason for brain surgery in children.

“My involvement is to raise awareness of this condition because its symptoms can masquerade as other conditions and, if it goes unchecked, critical treatment time is lost and the damage can be devastating,” she says.

Harrell and her husband, David, a leadership and sales consultant, have eight sons, ranging in age from 24 to 12, and two dogs.

“Our family is very busy with a multitude of activities, including church group activities, Hydrocephalus Association events, band practices and competitions and all of the other happy chaos that comes with family life,” she says. “I enjoy attending theatre events and concerts. Our oldest son operates a business incubator in Ferndale, and a racing event each year at the old Dorias Park velodrome in Detroit called the Thunderdrome, and his adventures often keep us busy.”

Harrell, who has lived in the Detroit area her entire life, says the city, with all of its challenges, still has a vibrance that outshines its difficulties.

“If you want something to do on any night, there is something you can do in the ‘D,’” she says. “Detroit is being reinvented and reborn and this transformation is fascinating to watch as new ideas, energy and entrepreneurial spirit takes hold and grows. We need to keep it going and stay positive.”



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Pension Board	✓ Planning Commission
Senior Citizens' Commission	Other:

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OCCUPATION: ATTORNEY

OF YEARS RESIDENT OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS: 30

PERSONAL SKILLS OR AREAS OF EXPERTISE RELATIVE TO THE COMMISSION:

SEE ATTACHED LETTER OF INTEREST

EDUCATION: MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY - B.A., UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT - J.D.

PROFESSIONAL / SERVICE CLUB AFFILIATIONS: STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN, GROSSE POINTE WOODS CITIZENS' RECREATION COMMISSION

DESCRIBE WHY YOU WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE COMMISSION/BOARD:

SEE ATTACHED LETTER OF INTEREST

Rich M. Rozycki
Signature of sponsor

[Signature]
Signature of applicant

Date: 2/13/12

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February 9, 2012

Dear Commissioners:

It is my understanding that there is currently a vacancy on the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission. I would like to take this opportunity to express my interest and ask that you consider me for the open seat. As an interested member of our community, I would like to volunteer my time, skills, and talents to assist in planning the future of our City. I currently serve as a member of the City's Citizens' Recreation Commission.

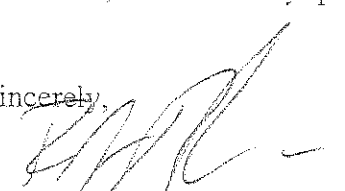
By way of background, I am an attorney at Kotz Sangster Wysocki P.C., in Detroit, Michigan. I practice primarily in the areas of construction and commercial law, representing a wide variety of clients including individuals, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and manufacturers on an assortment of commercial and residential construction projects. In the course of my legal representation, I am tasked with resolving a range of important issues that are intimately related to land use, economic development, community revitalization, infrastructure, transportation, environmental protection, and regulatory/statutory compliance.

My professional skills are uniquely tailored to the duties required of the Planning Commission and will allow me to help the City, residents, and business owners articulate and achieve a vision for how we want our community to look and function in the future. My professional background has also afforded me the opportunity to better understand the challenges of managing growth, developing business, and maintaining the unique character of our City.

In addition to my professional background, I can offer a valuable perspective as a life-long resident of Grosse Pointe Woods. I attended Grosse Pointe Woods public schools, and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. I went on to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration - Prelaw from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctorate from University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Upon completing my studies and beginning my career, I settled in Grosse Pointe Woods where I now reside with my wife, Erin, son, Henry, and dog, Mutsy. I have always enjoyed being a member of this community and my time serving as a member of the Citizens' Recreation Commission. I desire to further serve the City in a role on the Planning Commission.

I respectfully request your consideration for appointment to the Planning Commission and would be happy to provide a resume, personal references, or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Rozycki



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Pension Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission
Senior Citizens' Commission	Other:

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E-Mail: BOLDEN.STAPLETON@HOTMAIL.COM

OCCUPATION: ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

OF YEARS RESIDENT OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS: 4

PERSONAL SKILLS OR AREAS OF EXPERTISE RELATIVE TO THE COMMISSION:

- SEE ATTACHED -

EDUCATION: B.S. - URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING - MSU

PROFESSIONAL / SERVICE CLUB AFFILIATIONS:

- SEE ATTACHED -

DESCRIBE WHY YOU WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE COMMISSION/BOARD:

- SEE ATTACHED -

Kevin Ketch
Signature of sponsor

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Tonia Stapleton
Signature of applicant

Date: January 4, 2012

TONJA BOLDEN STAPLETON
1605 NEWCASTLE ROAD
GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN 48236

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Dear Honorable City Council:

It is with great pleasure that I submit my Statement of Interest and Biographical Sketch for your consideration. I have been an active member of this community for five years and currently enjoy serving on the Citizens' Recreation Commission.

Prior to moving to Grosse Pointe Woods, I served as the Village Planner for a community in the western Chicago suburbs that is very similar to the Grosse Pointes and prior to that I lived in nearby East English Village in Detroit. I began my career at the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments as a Transportation Planner and have held positions at the Detroit Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning & Development Department, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (Grand Rapids) and served as Manager of Community Outreach Initiatives/Adjunct Professor at the University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

I have devoted my life to community planning, specifically zoning administration, and as a professional planner, it would be an honor to use my planning background to serve my community in this manner.

I know this is an important decision and you have many interested candidates, so I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kind Regards,


Tonja Stapleton

PERSONAL SKILLS OR AREAS OF EXPERTISE

As a community planner I have spent most of professional career writing, reviewing and administering local ordinances. Previously I staffed the Board of Zoning Appeals in the City of Detroit as well as the Planning Commission and Architectural Review Commission in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. In Glen Ellyn this involved working closely with developers during site plan review to bring proposed developments into conformance with the Zoning Ordinance, Sign Code, Architectural Standards and the county Storm Water Ordinance. In both Detroit and Glen Ellyn I gave monthly reports and recommendations to the respective bodies and have testified before the Village Board, City Council and Circuit Court on land use cases.

Currently, I am serving as the Zoning Administrator for the Detroit Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department. In this role I serve as Hearings Officer for special land use public hearings and oversee a staff four planners and building inspectors that adjudicate over 200 special land use cases per year. I am currently involved in assisting the administration with streamlining procedures, reorganizing the permit/zoning division, re-writing applications, updating ordinances and making recommendations on staff reductions.

PROFESSIONAL/SERVICE CLUB AFFILIATIONS

Vice Chairperson, Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens Recreation Commission

Secretary, Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Chapter of Grosse Pointe

Member, Grosse Pointe Public Library Fundraising Event Committee (Read, White & Blue)

Member, Grace Community Church

DESCRIBE WHY YOU WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE COMMISSION/BOARD

I have a clear understanding of how planning decisions affect local community development. Not all ordinances can be applied across the board and yet the standards of the zoning ordinance must be upheld when considering variances and special land uses. As a planning commissioner, I believe it is important to consider public comment and case history (property history and previous like decisions) but also to make sound findings that assist the City Council in rendering solid land use decisions. I will work hard at striking a balance between supporting new developments and preserving the exceptional quality of life in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Road Improvement Program Bonding Proposition

Shall the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), payable in not to exceed ten/fifteen (10/15) years from the date of issue, and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds, in one or more series, to pay the cost of acquiring road improvements in the City together with all related appurtenances and attachments? The estimated millage to be levied in 2013 is x.xxxx mills (\$x.xx per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is x.xxxx mills (\$x.xx per \$1,000 of taxable value).

MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods be increased by 1.85 mills (\$1.85 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for ten (10) years, 2013 to 2022 inclusive, in excess of the limitation imposed by the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution and Michigan Compiled Laws section 211.34d, to provide funds for municipal purposes, including [police and fire services, parks and recreation, and other public services]? If approved and levied in its entirety, this new additional millage would raise approximately \$1,119,000 in 2013.