

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME Stephanie Simon Morita COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

DATE October 14, 2010

ROCHESTER HILLS RESIDENT FOR 6 YEARS

OCCUPATION Attorney

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU WANT TO SERVE (please check up to five applicable boxes)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Traffic & Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Elections Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Police & Road Funding Technical Rev Cmte |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brownfield Redevelopment Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Space Advisory Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Health Care Trust – Board of Trustees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Districts Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Rochester Avon Recreation Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canvassing Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Districts Study Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Trailways Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Citizen Advisory Technical Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources Technical Review Cmte | <input type="checkbox"/> Water & Sewer Technical Review Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizens Pathway Review Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Development Finance Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning / Sign Board of Appeals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Media Network Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise Barrier/Sound Wall Committee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/ Fire Prevention Bd of Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Older Persons Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer Management Advisory Committee | | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

INTERESTS/REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS

I have extensive professional experience with the valuation of real property and factors affecting valuation (see attached c.v.). My subdivision (Clinton River Valley) and my house back onto a known brownfield, and I am very in-touch with the concerns of residents when it comes to brownfield redevelopment.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED (LIST MUNICIPALITIES AND DATES)

I have been serving on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the last three years.

ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD

Over the last six years I have been elected as a district representative, then vice-president and now president of my homeowner's association (Clinton River Valley). I also currently serve as a member of the State Bar of Michigan Appellate Practice Section Council.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

State Bar of Michigan, Roeper Parent Committee

PERTINENT EDUCATION

University of Michigan - A.B. with Honors - 1992 - Political Science and Religious Studies
Wayne State University Law School - J.D. - 1995

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

My family, golf, cooking, traveling, nature, and art appreciation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See attached c.v.

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Ms. Morita is considered a property tax specialist, and utilizes her expertise to represent clients in property tax law and exemption, property valuation, and real property law litigation and appeal matters. Many of her cases originate in the State of Michigan Tax Tribunal, and she has appeared on behalf of clients in Appellate, Circuit, Probate, District, Bankruptcy and Federal District Courts.

Ms. Morita was a speaker at both the 2002 and 2003 National Business Institute's Seminar on Property Tax Law in Michigan and at the 2003 Institute for Professionals in Taxation Michigan One-Day Tax Update Seminar. She authored, "Free Beer – A Truly Intriguing Tale of Property Taxation and Foreclosure" which appeared in the June 2008 edition of *Laches*, and "Basement Flooding Claims Under Public Act 222 of 2001," which appeared in the November 2002 edition of *Laches*, published by the Oakland County Bar Association. Additionally, Ms. Morita co-authored an article with Assistant Attorney General James Riley entitled, "Vacation of Platted Lands Dedicated for Public Use," *Public Corporation Law Quarterly*, December 1999, reprinted with permission in the *Michigan Real Property Review*, 27 Mich Real Prop Rev 19 (2000).

Ms. Morita received her Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School, in 1995. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan, with honors and dual concentrations in Political Science and Religious Studies in 1992. She is admitted to the State Bar of Michigan (1995), and the United States District Court, Eastern (2002) and Western (1995) Districts of Michigan.

In 2008, Ms. Morita was elected to the State Bar of Michigan's Appellate Practice Section Council. As a part of her work with the Appellate Practice Section Council, Ms. Morita has been participating in the State Bar's Law Practice Economics Survey Work Group. She also currently serves as a member of the State and Local Tax, Zoning and Land Use, and Eminent Domain Committees of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

Recent Trials:

- *Detroit Lions, et al v City of Dearborn, et al*, MTT Docket Nos. 314348, 315349, 327111, 352900, Opinion and Judgment - July 12, 2010
- *Detroit Lions, Inc v City of Dearborn*, MTT Docket Nos. 307900 & 314349, Opinion and Judgment - July 12, 2010
- *Sears, Roebuck & Company v City of Novi*, MTT Docket No. 337849, Opinion and Judgment - August 31, 2009.
- *Palace Sports & Entertainment, Inc v City of Auburn Hills*, MTT Docket No. 300519, Opinion and Judgment – August 26, 2009.
- *Detroit Medical Center v City of Novi*, MTT Docket No. 327024, Opinion and Judgment – April 8, 2009.
- *Polynorm v City of Novi*, MTT Docket No. 324992, Opinion and Judgment - January 30, 2009.

Summary Dispositions and Dismissals:

- *Singh Management Co. (Main Street I) v City of Novi*, MTT Docket No. 334273 (2009).
- *Galloway Properties LLC v Auburn Hills*, MTT Docket No. 284752 (2009).
- *Palazzolo v Oakland Township*, MTT Docket No. 339504 (2009).
- *Adelson v Orion Township*, 52/3 District Court, 08-C01213 GC.
- *Gingellville Community Center v Orion Township*, 15 MTT 297 (2006).

Significant Appellate Cases:

- *The Detroit Lions v City of Dearborn*, unpublished opinion per curiam of the Court of Appeals, issued June 5, 2007 (Docket No. 266260), lv den 480 Mich 893; 738 NW2d 741 (2007).
- *Pheasant Ring v Waterford Twp*, 272 Mich App 436, 726 NW2d 741 (2006), overruled by *Liberty Hill Hous Corp v City of Livonia*, 480 Mich 44, 746 NW2d 282 (2008).
- *Leahy v Orion Township*, 269 Mich App 527; 711 NW2d 438 (2006).
- *Danse Corp v City of Madison Heights*, 446 Mich 175; 644 NW2d 721 (2002).
- *Electronic Data Systems v Township of Flint et al*, 253 Mich App 538; 656 NW2d 215 (2002).
- *Hilliard v Schmidt*, 231 Mich App 316; 586 NW2d 263 (1998).