



**City of Rochester Hills
Youth Representative Application
for City Council Communication Committees**

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The Rochester Hills City Council has established a Youth Representative Position on each of its five Communication Committees. The committees discuss, review and study policies and/or administrative issues to provide recommendations to the City Council, the Mayor and Administrative Staff. You must be a resident of the City of Rochester Hills to apply.

Profile Information: *Please type or print using black ink.*

Student Name: Jillian Katak Birthdate: 6/20/88 Age: 15
 Street Address: 722 Edgewood
 City: Rochester Hills State: MI Zip Code: 48306
 E-Mail Address (if applicable): JRSuperBEAN13@aol.com Home Phone: (248) 651-2360
 Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) Name: Charles and Susan Katak
 School Name: Stoney Creek H.S. Grade: 10 Graduation Date: 2006
 Principal's Name: Dan Hickey School Phone: (248) 726-5700
 School Address: Sheldon Rd.
 City: Rochester State: MI Zip Code: 48306

Committee Choices:

Please indicate your top three choices (1 being first) of which Committee you would most like to serve:

- Administration & Information Services (AIS)** reviews policy matters of general government and information services regarding communications, information technology, salaries and per diems, class C licenses, elections and municipal organization.
- Community Development & Viability (CDV)** reviews policy matters such as land development and maintenance, economic development and maintenance, and infrastructure development and maintenance.
- Financial Services (FS)** reviews policy matters of budget and financial affairs.
- Leisure Activities (LA)** reviews policies regarding city parks, Museum, Environmental Educational Center, community events and inter local recreational facilities and programs.
- Public Safety (PS)** reviews policies regarding fire protection, police protection, emergency medical service, traffic and pedestrian safety, emergency operations and civil defense.

Essay Questions:

Please type or neatly write a short essay on a separate piece of paper responding to the following questions. (500 words maximum.)

1. Please explain why you would like to be a member of a Communication Committee?
2. What personal skills and characteristics do you possess that would make you a good representative?
3. What are your interests?
4. How would you be able to schedule your time to function effectively as a youth representative?

Recommendations:

Please include two letters of recommendations (with your application and essay) from adults who know you at school and your activities out of school.

Interest Statement:

I am interested in serving on a Communication Committee for the City of Rochester Hills. I understand that this will require me to attend one meeting per month during my term.

Signed,

Julien J. Natas

Dated: 5/29/04

I have read the above interest statement and give my permission for my son/daughter to serve as a youth representative on a Communication Committee for the City of Rochester Hills.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:

Charles G. Natas

Dated: 5/29/04

Work phone (if applicable) _____

Please return the completed application, essay and recommendations by June 1, 2004 to:

City of Rochester Hills Clerk's Office
Susan Koliba-Galeczka, City Council Liaison
1000 Rochester Hills Drive.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Fax: (248) 656-4744
Email: Galeczks@rochesterhills.org

The returned information will remain in the Clerk's Office and are not confidential. For additional information, please call Susan Koliba-Galeczka, City Council Liaison, (248) 841-2463.

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Date sent to Committee: _____

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Communication Committee Essay

By: Jillian Rataj

As a high school student I think that any opportunity to take action in our community would be great. I would like to be a member of the Communication Committee because I know that as a young Rochester resident my ideas and input might further benefit our community. I believe that it is important to have your voice heard, and if I were part of this committee, I would make sure that my ideas and thoughts were heard. With each meeting, I would prepare my ideas so that they would be easily presentable to others. To be part of the Communication Committee, I believe that you need to have a strong voice and a busy mind so you can always contribute to a new idea. I am always willing to contribute to a topic in order to help encourage discussion. At my school, I am involved in our Peer Mediation program. With the help of this program, I have developed great listening skills, along with strong problem solving skills. I am easily able to put in my ideas to make a certain topic more elaborate. I am very patient and I never end a job until it is finished. I like to make others think that there is never only one way to do something, but that you have to work and search to find a more exciting way to get a job done. For the past 6 years, I have been an active soccer player for the Rochester Select Soccer Club and am currently playing on the Varsity Stoney Creek soccer team. I enjoy babysitting and being with my friends having fun. I also enjoy running on my own so I can think to myself and clear my mind so I can start again with a fresh mind. With soccer and school, my time is always constricted, but I am always able to fit things in. I baby-sit often, and am able to juggle soccer and school around it without any worries. I have no doubt that being part of the Communication Committee would fit in easily with my schedule because I am able to prioritize very well. Overall, I believe that if I were chosen to be a part of the Communication Committee, my ideas and experience would further help our city and committee. I would be very honored to obtain this role!

Friday, May 28, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards of Jillian Rataj. Jillian would make a fine addition as a student representative for the board of education. Jillian is an A student and keeps herself busy after school with soccer. She participates in peer mediation and is well respected by the student body. Jillian contributes to class discussions, completes her projects on time, and adds to the learning environment in my class. I appreciate her opinions, ideas, and she keeps other students on task. Jillian would add a lot to the board of education with her student perspective. She is an advocate for Stoney Creek and is always striving to make our building a better place. She speaks her mind and encourages others to contribute as well. I highly recommend Jillian Rataj for a student representative of the board of education. If you have any further questions please contact me at any time. Email is mlindgren@rochester.k12.mi.us or by school phone (248) 726-5200 ext. 6821. Thank you for your time and consideration in this fine student as a school board student candidate.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Lindgren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Lindgren

Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher
Stoney Creek High School

May 30, 2004

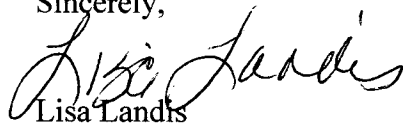
To whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Jillian Rataj.

Jill has been my babysitter for the last several years. During this time, she has very capably been able to care for my two children – Stephen age 4 and Katherine age 10 – when needed. Jill is very dependable and I always feel comfortable knowing that she will make good decisions. She has demonstrated a good level of maturity and has developed a good rapport with my children.

I am pleased to see that Jill is interested in taking an active part in her community and I highly recommend her for Youth Representative for the Rochester City Council. I know she will do a good job and contribute to the success of the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Landis".

Lisa Landis

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