



City of Rochester Hills  
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME Jenny McCardell COUNCIL DISTRICT 2  
DATE November 3, 2016 ROCHESTER HILLS RESIDENT FOR 8 YEARS  
OCCUPATION FDA Investigator

**INTERESTS/REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS**

I am interested in serving as a citizen representative on a City committee because I want to give back to a city that has provided so much safety and happiness to my family and me. I would like to become an even bigger part of what makes this city great. I hold a Master of Public Administration degree from Oakland University which has prepared me to serve the government in the way of public planning and finance. I am a US Navy veteran, and served 5 and 1/2 years as a Navy Hospital Corpsman from 2002 to 2007. I am currently employed by the US Food and Drug Administration since 2011. I believe that I will be a valuable asset to a citizen committee.

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

This is my first time volunteering on a citizens committee for a municipality. I am, however, an active member of the Rochester Community Schools PTA, chairing the Legislative Committee, and Raising Rochester Committee at University Hills Elementary since 2013. I am an active member of the RCS PTA council Legislative Committee and volunteered my time to assist in getting information out to the public in the recent school bond election which resulted in the passing of the \$185 million bond. I am heading up the Safe Routes to School initiative at University Hills Elementary and wrote the grant in which we were awarded \$3,300 from the State of Michigan for non-infrastructure program use to encourage kids to get to school by walking or biking in a safe manner.

**ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD**

I have not held an elected office.

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**PTA - Parent Teacher Association for Rochester Community Schools**  
**Blessings in a Backpack - One time per month, my kids and I pack meals for students in the RCS district who are on the reduced price or free lunch program**

**PERTINENT EDUCATION**

**Master of Public Administration - Oakland University - 2015 - Cum Laude - Pi Alpha Alpha**  
**Bachelor of Environmental Science - Oakland University - 2011 - Cum Laude**  
**Medical Laboratory Technician - George Washington University - 2005 - Honors - ASCP**

**HOBBIES/INTERESTS**

I enjoy volunteering at my kids' schools, gardening, and being with my family. I am interested in serving the greater Rochester Hills community, and enjoy participating in community activities, such as activities at Van Hoosen Farm, and the various Rochester Hills parks.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

I feel that I have a good grasp of what is going on in the school community of Rochester Hills. I would like to reach out to the Older Persons Commission in the capacity of citizen committee representative and explore ways to connect this group with the youth of the community. I am also very interested in the infrastructure of the community as I am participating in the district wide Safe Routes to School initiative. I believe that there are ways that being on a City committee could help the various schools to collaborate. Lastly, the history of our community is very important and interesting. I would like to serve on the Historic Districts Commission in order to volunteer my time to ensure that it is preserved with integrity.