



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

1000 Rochester Hills Dr.  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
(248) 841-2463  
www.rochesterhills.org

*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: Mark Thomas Witte Birthdate: 6/15/1987 Age: 16  
Street Address: 3343 Thornberry Road  
City: Rochester Hills State: MI Zip Code: 48309  
E-Mail Address (if applicable): mtwwitte@ychoo.com Home Phone: (248) 844-8012  
Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) Name: Thomas Witte and Carol Beatty  
School Name: Avondale High School Grade: 11 Graduation Date: 2005  
Principal's Name: Fred Cromie School Phone: (248) 952-2850  
School Address: 2800 Waukegan Road  
City: Auburn Hills State: MI Zip Code: 48326

**Committee Choices:**

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

- [ 3 ] **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.
- [ 1 ] **Community Development & Viability (CDV)** reviews policy matters such as land development and maintenance, economic development and maintenance, and infrastructure development and maintenance.
- [ 2 ] **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,


Dated: 5/23/2004

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:**

Dated: 5/23/04

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.

Office Use Only:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date sent to Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Mark Witte, would like to be a youth representative on a Rochester Hills Communication Committee. I believe I am qualified for this because of my experience in working on the Rochester/Auburn Hills Teen Council (RAHTC) and as a leader in the Avondale High School Chapter of National Honor Society (NHS). I am interested in serving our community, and participating on a committee will allow me to learn more about how our city government works. This will be a valuable experience, as I plan to continue serving my community by working for the US government when I get older.

The skills I use in RAHTC and NHS will enable me to contribute to a Communication Committee. As Events Coordinator of RAHTC, I oversee all of RAHTC's committees and events. This includes taking responsibility for everything that happens at our events. As secretary of NHS, I keep track of the society's minutes and agendas. Also, in NHS, I am chair of the Bylaws Committee and the Teacher Appreciation Committee.

After I graduate from Avondale High School next June, I plan to pursue undergraduate and graduate education which will qualify me to work for the US government. I hope to attend Washington and Lee University in Virginia or Wheaton College in Illinois. I plan to major in Political Science and then get a law degree.

I am available to work with the city's communication committee every evening except Sunday and Wednesday. Thank you very much for your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

*Mark Thomas Witte*

Tammy Jo Bialosky  
Avondale High School

June 1, 2004

Re: Mark Witte

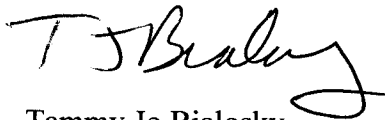
Dear Members of the Rochester Hills City Council:

I understand that Mark Witte has applied to be a youth representative serving on one of the committees of the Rochester Hills City Council. I am writing this letter in support of his application.

I teach social studies at Avondale High School. Mark is currently my student in two classes: AP US History and Honors Economics. Mark is one of the strongest students I have had the pleasure of teaching.

It is his character, however, that makes Mark a standout. Mark takes all of his responsibilities very seriously. In particular, Mark has made it his responsibility to be involved in his community, both at school and in Rochester Hills in general. This is all the more remarkable given that he has only recently moved to the area from Florida. More importantly, Mark has involved himself in his community out of a personal sense of duty and commitment and not, as so often occurs with high school students, primarily for the resume value that might enhance his future opportunities. He works hard and is very disciplined. Instead of accepting roadblocks that stand in the way of accomplishing his goals, he applies himself to finding ways to move past those roadblocks. He is bright but also practical at the same time and possesses great self-confidence and common sense. For all of these reasons, I strongly endorse Mark Witte's application to be a youth representative serving on one of the committees of the Rochester Hills City Council.

Sincerely,



Tammy Jo Bialosky



**Rochester/Auburn Hills Community Coalition**  
**P.O. Box 80304, Rochester, MI 48308-0304**

*The Rochester/Auburn Hills Community Coalition is dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle through the prevention and reduction of substance abuse and violence in collaboration with youth, families and our community*

May 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

Letter of Recommendation for Mark Witte

The Rochester/Auburn Hills Community Coalition (RAHCC) is a non-profit organization working for the prevention and reduction of substance abuse and violence in our communities. As part of this mission, the RAHCC created the Rochester/Auburn Hills Teen Council. The Teen Council is composed of youth representatives taking a leadership role and committed to the prevention of substance abuse through the promotion and implementation of fun and safe activities in our communities.

Mark Witte has been involved in the Teen Council for over 6 months. He has been an active member of the Council and has demonstrated his leadership abilities on numerous occasions. Mark was instrumental in forming the Teen Council charter. He has taken classes to further his leadership capabilities and understanding of how to run an organization. He is the Teen Council liaison to the RAHCC Board of Directors, sharing the voice of the teens in coalition decisions. Mark helps to keep the Teen Council on track and recently accepted the position of Events Coordinator for the Teen Council, overseeing the development and implementation of Teen Council activities. Mark has made the commitment to meet weekly with the Council and has been nominated as Secretary of the Teen Council for next year. He has encouraged additional teens to join the Council and works to incorporate the input of a diversified group of teens to make the Teen Council successful. Mark is a bright, enthusiastic, dedicated member of the Rochester Auburn Hills Teen Council.

Mark would be an excellent choice for the Rochester Hills City Council committees.

Sincerely,

Theresa Mungioli  
Past President

Community of Anti-Drug  
Coalitions of America



Coalition of Healthy  
Communities



Oakland County Office of  
Substance Abuse

