



City of Rochester Hills
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME Jason C. Long COUNCIL DISTRICT One
DATE March 6, 2018 ROCHESTER HILLS RESIDENT FOR 10 YEARS
OCCUPATION Attorney

INTERESTS/REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS

Please see the Attachment to my questionnaire.

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

ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

PERTINENT EDUCATION

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Interests/Reasons/Qualifications: I moved to Rochester Hills more than 10 years ago and would like to become involved in the community. Serving on the Zoning/Sign Board of Appeals would provide me with a means to be involved and serve the community using skills and knowledge that I already possess as an attorney practicing real estate law with Steinhardt Pesick & Cohen, P.C. My practice focuses primarily in property valuation issues, like those arising in property taxation and eminent domain cases. But zoning is a significant issue in such cases, as a property's zoning controls its potential uses and thus influences its value. Further, valuation cases often involve the types of issues that may come before zoning boards of appeal, such as whether variances or special use permits are appropriate for a given property; eminent domain cases in particular can result in the need for parties to actually seek variances from zoning boards of appeal. I believe that my background in such cases could be a valuable asset for the Rochester Hills Zoning/Sign Board of Appeals.

Pertinent Education: I earned my B.A., *cum laude*, from Oakland University with majors in philosophy and political science; I earned my J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law; and I studied real estate finance and development as a graduate student at the University of Michigan. Also, I have attended and participated in a number of seminars sponsored by the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan Real Property Law Section addressing real estate law matters, including zoning issues.

Hobbies/Interests: I am an avid Detroit Tigers fan, and I enjoy all the the opportunities for outdoor recreation in and around Rochester Hills.

Additional Information: Two other experiences are relevant to my application for the Zoning/Sign Board of Appeals. First is my service on the State Bar of Michigan Real Property Law Section's Council. The Council both provides administrative governance for the Section, but also sets policy and determines whether the Section wishes to assert positions on legislation, pending cases, and other issues. The Council consists of 15 members and also receives input from ex officio. It is a collaborative body that involves give and take between different priorities and personalities. Second is the time I spent as a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Michael Cavanagh, Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. As a judicial law clerk, I assisted Justice Cavanagh in deciding cases that the Supreme Court was considering from 1999 to 2001. I assisted Justice Cavanagh in reviewing several cases involving zoning issues during my time as his judicial law clerk, and this experience provided me with background in the deliberative process involved in a multi-member body reaching a decision.

Thank you for considering my application.