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Imagine a town where you can go to the Caribou Coffee House down the street to get your coffee and the people who wait on you talk to you and know your name. Where it's normal to run into someone you know while walking throughout the town. This is Rochester Hills. Don't get me wrong, it's not a small town, but it does have the feeling of safety and friendliness of one.

In my short time as a member of the Rochester Hills City Council Administration and Information Services Committee, I have been given the opportunity to see first-hand all the improvements being made to our town. From this experience I have learned how much dedication and hard work is needed to help this city run.

If I were an elected official for the City of Rochester Hills, I would work hard to remain an active part of my community by attending events such as baseball games, ceremonies, and graduations.

I would make talking to the people about their wants and needs my first priority. I realize that this is not only my city and for it to reach its full potential everyone must enjoy and love their city. I feel that by allowing people to have a louder voice in what is going on in their community they will begin to see how amazing our city is.

I would not make people wait for an answer to their issues, since I know how important it can be to know of these decisions. I would try to get them done as speedily as possible without lessening the seriousness of the issue.

I would support all teenager friendly environments because my fellow classmates have voiced their view that there is no place for them to go to hang out other than bowling, coffee, or the movies. This would allow teenagers and families alike to have things to do in the community and would attract teenagers from other areas.

I would work with businesses, especially smaller businesses exclusive to Rochester Hills. This would hopefully help to add to the City's further prosperity and support both private and corporate enterprises, while emphasizing work with private and local businesses.

I would look into needed road work and the possible opening of roads that have never been opened. This would help people by allowing them to have more available routes to their destinations. It would make use of already spent tax dollars and would reduce the need for more work to be done on existing roads.

I would establish a small group of city representatives from all age groups that I can meet with twice monthly to get their thoughts on what was best for their community. I feel this would be a starting step to helping Rochester Hills reach its full potential.

Rochester Hills is a great city. However, I feel that the things I have described are influential in improving the quality of life in Rochester Hill.