



City of Rochester Hills

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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NAME **Max Donovan**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU WANT TO SERVE (please check the boxes):

Appointed by Mayor, Confirmed by City Council

- ☒ Advisory Traffic & Safety (meets monthly)
- ☒ Board of Review (meets as needed)
- ☐ Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (meets 4 times a year)
- ☒ Citizens Pathway (meets as needed)
- ☐ Construction/Fire Prevention Board of Appeals* (meets as needed)
- ☒ Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee (meets as needed)
- ☒ Local Development Finance Authority (meets 4 times a year)
- ☐ Naming Standing Committee (meets as needed)
- ☒ Planning Commission* (meets monthly)
- ☐ Rochester Hills Museum Foundation (meets monthly)

Appointed by City Council

- ☒ Cemetery Citizen Advisory Committee (meets 2-4 times a year)
- ☒ Deer Management Advisory Committee (meets 2 times a year)
- ☒ Elections Commission (meets prior to each Election)
- ☒ Green Space Advisory Board (meets monthly)
- ☐ Historic Districts Commission* (meets monthly)
- ☐ Historic Districts Study Committee (meets as needed)
- ☒ Human Resources Technical Review Committee (meets yearly)
- ☒ Liquor License Technical Review Committee (meets as needed)
- ☒ Older Persons' Commission (meets monthly)
- ☒ Public Safety & Infrastructure Technical Review Committee (meets as needed)
- ☐ Retiree Health Care Trust – Board of Trustees (meets as needed)
- ☐ Rochester Avon Recreation Authority (meets monthly)
- ☐ Rochester Hills Museum Foundation (meets monthly)
- ☐ Water System Advisory Council (meets yearly)
- ☒ Zoning/Board of Appeals* (meets monthly)

** Denotes paid positions. Candidates will be required to complete a Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, as required by the Federal Government.*



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DATE 11/14/2025 ROCHESTER HILLS RESIDENT FOR 5 YEARS
OCCUPATION Certified Peer Support Specialist at EastersealsMORC

INTERESTS/REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS (Specifically list the reasons you are interested in serving on this/these committees and any qualifications you have for being on this/these committees:

I have a deep desire to continue serving my community. With my candidacy for Council at an end, the committees I have marked are ones on which I feel qualified to serve based on my education and based on my experience as an activist, a mental health professional, and a community member. Many of these commissions are relevant to conversations I had most often with voters at their doors, and I hope to bring that experience to the table.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU HAVE or currently SERVE on (List Municipalities and years):

Finance Committee - ASMSU 2016-2017, 2017-2018. 18 months as Chair.
University Committee on Student Affairs - 2016-2018.

ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD:

Representative to General Assembly for the College of Social Science, Associated Students of Michigan State University

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS you have been or are involved with:

Rochester Area Democratic Club

Relevant EDUCATION to the committee(s) you are interested in:

-Bachelor of Sciences in Political Science from Michigan State University, Minor in Economics.

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

-Tabletop Gaming
-Pokemon
-Reading
-Politics/activism at every level

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

During my time as a Lansing Resident I also served as a "consulting activist," where I helped citizens make changes they wanted to see at the local level. I helped people to refine their ideas, I connected them to members of local commissions, introduced them to city council members, and on a few occasions even wrote proposals, bills, or amendments for them. Language I have written is in the state's MDHHS budget and at least 5 different city charters. I'm also intimately familiar with the social safety nets in and around the city and have a vested professional interest in supporting their growth and improving their accessibility.