



City of Rochester Hills

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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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 12/1/2022 ROCHESTER HILLS RESIDENT FOR 34 YEARS
OCCUPATION FCA (Retiree); CEO of SD3 Connect Studio, LLC

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:

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

ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD:

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS you have been or are involved with:

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

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Support Document for “Candidate Questionnaire Rev 12152021 - Sharon Dow” 12/1/2022

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With twenty-seven years of experience at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) as Data Architect in Information & Communication Technology, Sharon’s professional interest and experience have been focused on the Information Technology field of Database Management. She served as the Sales & Marketing Chair for the Asian-American Employee Resource Group in FCA. Sharon started SD3 Connect Studio, LLC in 2020 serving Web Design, Graphic Design, and Communication Strategy Services. She received her Master of Science in Computer Science.

Committed to strive for the betterment of our community through service, dialogue, and advocacy, Sharon has always put great effort to bring our communities together in many ways to address our needs and enhance opportunities for culture promotion, social justice, and more. With the unexceptional opportunity in corporate Employee Resource Groups (ERG) and community non-profit organizational leadership, Sharon has actively engaged and contributed directly to across cultural communities.

Sharon initiated the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) Celebration at Detroit Institute of Arts in 2018 and has led this annual program since then. In 2021 and 2022, DIA celebrated APAHM with series program through May including more than twenty events and activities, where professional and community cultural groups collaborated together to showcase a blend of traditional and contemporary artistry across thirteen Asian cultures. She also initiated the Asian Night of Michigan Culture & Diversity Festival in 2021 and continues the program to 2022.

She will continue striving for more contributions on comprehensive Professional, Educational, Cultural, Advocacy and Community Services.

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

MI STATE COMMISSION:

1. Commissioner, Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC) (2017 – present)
 - a. The MAPAAC's vision is to be an exemplary commission by adding public value to the State of Michigan and the APA community, by fully engaging APAs across the state.
 - b. MAPAAC Mission: To advance the full and equal participation of Asian Pacific Americans in the building of a greater Michigan.
 - c. MAPAAC Vision: To be an exemplary commission by adding public value to the State of Michigan and the APA community, by fully engaging APAs across the state.

MUNICIPALITY COMMITTEES:

1. City of Rochester Hills Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee (2021 - present)
2. City of Rochester Hills Human Resources Technical Review Committee (2021 - present)

BOARDS:

1. Board of Trustee, Steppingstone School for Gifted Education (2022 – Present)
2. Program Manager, Asian Night of Michigan Culture & Diversity Festival (2021 – Present)
3. Program Manager, Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration (APAHM) Series Program (2018 – Present)
4. Production Manager, Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) Splendor of the East (SOE) (2017)
5. Board of Director, International Institute of Metro Detroit (IIMD) (2020 – Present)
6. Treasurer, Detroit Institute of Art (DIA) Friends of Asian Arts and Cultures (FAAC) (2018 – Present)
7. Board of Director, ArtLab J (2017 – Present)
8. Vice President, Association of Chinese Americans (OCA Advocate-ACA) (2019 – 2021)
8. Board Secretary, Association of Chinese Americans (OCA Advocate-ACA) (2016 – 2018)
9. Communication Chair, National Association of Asian American Professionals-Detroit (NAAAP Detroit) (2016 – 2018)
10. President Elect, Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) in Michigan (2022 – Present)
10. Vice President, Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) in Michigan (2017)
10. Communication Chair, Council of Asian Pacific American (CAPA) in Michigan (2012 – 2016)
11. President, Chinese American Society of Ann Arbor (CASAA) (*two terms*) (2014 – 2015)
12. President, Michigan Chinese Women Association (MCWA) (2011 – 2012)

ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD:

N/A

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS you have been or are involved with:

1. Webmaster, Asian Center of Southeast Michigan (2013 – Present)
2. Founder, Wind Dance Chinese Cultural Group (2012 – Present)

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

Master of Science, Computer Science
Bachelor of Arts, Japanese Language and Literature

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

Arts and culture, photography, travel

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**AWARDS:**

1. Asian Hall of Fame Award, US Pinoy for Good Governance (USP4GG) Michigan (2022)
2. Michigan international Professional Award, International institute of Metropolitan Detroit (2017)
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BIOGRAPHY

December 2022

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With the unexceptional opportunity in non-profit organizational leadership, Sharon has actively engaged and contributed directly to across cultural communities. She is currently serving as Commissioner in Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC), Member of City of Rochester Hills Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee, Member of City of Rochester Hills Human Resources Technical Review Committee, Board Trustee of Steppingstone School for Gifted Education, Board Treasurer of Detroit Institute of Art's (DIA) auxiliary group Friends of Asian Arts and Cultures (FAAC), Board Director of International Institute of Metro Detroit (IIMD), Board Director of ArtLab J, and President Elect of Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) in Michigan, which are all cross-cultural organizations that promote and advance the diverse cultural heritage of Asian Americans and the community at large. Prior to that, Sharon spent years as President of Michigan Chinese Women Association (MCWA), President of Chinese American Society of Ann Arbor (CASAA), Vice President of Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) in Michigan, Director of Communication in National Association of Asian American Professionals-Detroit Chapter (NAAAP-Detroit), and Vice President of Association of Chinese Americans (OCA Advocate-ACA). Besides her active diversity role, with her artistic passion, Sharon started Wind Dance Chinese Cultural Group in 2012 with an aim to promote Chinese culture. She was the Production Manager for CAPA Splendor of the East (SOE) in 2017.

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