



City of Ferndale Temporary Mayoral Appointment

To be considered for a temporary appointment as Mayor of the City of Ferndale (approximately September–December 2019), please complete the following application. Resumes and/or letters of intent are encouraged and can be **attached to the form using the button on the left**. Applications will be accepted August 19–September 3, 4 p.m. City Council will review applications and are expected to make an appointment at their regular September 9 meeting.

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Minimum two-year Ferndale residency is required for this position. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am a Ferndale resident. If so, for how many years? <u>6</u>	

Describe experiences you have had that led to your desire to serve the City.

Talking to residents door to door about important issues like reducing barriers to voting; exciting governor candidate Abdul El Sayed; and urging residents to call their reps to support Medicare For All, I gained an understanding that most residents are very progressive and supportive of helping each other in the community and beyond. I had a lot of great conversations with folks who just want to be listened to and see their daily lives improve. I think I can bring that quality to City Hall as the voice of what the residents want to see and what is best for them.

I purchased a home in Ferndale six years ago because it was the most affordable in the area that was also move-in-ready. I have noticed in six short years how the home and rent prices have went way up. If I were to be looking to transition from a renter to a home owner today in the situation i was in six years ago (which was still above the median income), I would definitely not be able to move to the wonderful city of Ferndale. I am not alone in my experience of seeing the city price out great people. So many people want to move here, but cannot afford to. I will be the voice of the community that also sees the un-affordability crisis as a long term problem.

The Robertson Brothers development meetings a few years were some of my initial involvement in the city operations. The community had a lot of push back that seemed to be taken into consideration, and the site plans were modified. In the end the homes were not affordable like promised. This has been a trend with many of the developments. I want to see the city make a stronger commitment to ensuring homes are actually affordable and that the developers have financial stake in doing so.

I recently became much more involved in the Ferndale Environmental and Sustainability Commission meetings. I think the city can take a bigger responsibility to ensure environmental sustainability projects are implemented and are integrated into the overall economic development plans and City Master Plan. The Revolving Energy Fund is a terrific start.

Provide a brief biography including your skills, background and expertise, as well as involvement in the community, professional or other non-profit organizations that are specifically applicable to this position.

I am 31 years old and have been a Michigander my whole life. I moved to Ferndale six years ago under very lucky conditions. I was able to purchase a home with a loan from my parents. I moved from a tiny apartment in Farmington Hills, which I moved into after graduating from Michigan Tech Univ. with a bachelor degree in engineering. I have been working in the automotive industry for eight years. I started at FCA just after the Great Recession and the auto bailout. With this experience, I gained a lot of perspective and practical knowledge of effectively completing projects that are best for the end users. Ford is my current employer, and I am expanding my perspective and problem solving skill set.

My relevant skills include being very approachable and a great listener to the residents' grievances. I am an engineer by study and profession. I am a problem solver. In order to be most effective, I have to go to the source of an issues and see it in person, as well as talk to the people experiencing the issue. Then I quickly and creatively think of solutions with the input of the people experiencing the issue as well as relevant experts. I work side by side with these people and the maintenance team to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

Working with suppliers and contractors to clarify bids will translate to the position of mayor well, by not allowing the bidders to over-charge or exclude necessary services/equipment. The city will still need to execute projects and developments, and with my expertise, I can ensure the residents best interest is the most important factor considered.

I am a very active member to the Metro Detroit Democratic Socialist of America, working in the Medicare For All and the Green New Deal working groups. We have pressured current state and federal representatives to support and sign onto the Medicare For All bills in congress by knocking on resident' doors and educating them on the bills and urging them to call their reps. Before joining the DSA, I was an active volunteer in three statewide campaigns in 2018, and many other out of state campaigns for progressive candidates and ballot proposals.

Volunteering has always been a major part of my life. I enjoy helping others, and have a drive to see genuine fairness in all areas of life. This drive started from my experience in the Boy Scouts of America as I earned my Eagle Scout rank. Since then, I have volunteered with 8 Mile Boulevard Association, Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners, Habitat for Humanity, The Parade Company, and the Michigan Science Center.

Employment: List your three most recent employment experiences.

Dates	Company Name / Location	Position	Job Description
Sept 2015 - present	Ford Motor Company / Dearborn,	Manufacturing	Plan and implement tooling and
Aug 2011 - Sept 2015	Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Detroit,	Industrial Engineer	Design and implement labor
Dec 2010 - May 2011	Michigan Technological Univ.	Research Assistant	Design and lead simulations to

Education: List your three most recent educational experiences.

Educational Institution / School	Degree Received	Area(s) of Study
Michigan Technological Univ.	Bachelor of Science	Service Systems Engineering (Industrial &
Standish Sterling Central HS	HS Diploma	General

Important Public Records Information: All information submitted in this application is public information and subject to disclosure in response to a public records request made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Please contact the City Clerk at 248-546-2381 if you have any questions or concerns about the disclosure of specific information.

Truth and Accuracy: I certify that the information contained on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all information disclosed on this form will be available to the public as part of a Freedom of Information Act request.

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Applicant's Signature

Date