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Honorable Yousef Rabhi, Chair
Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 8645
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107-6715

Dear Chair Rabhi:

This letter of interest is submitted to you as Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. In the event of a vacancy, I respectfully request consideration for appointment to the Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners (WCRC).

Having regularly attended meetings of the WCRC during my four years as Pittsfield Township Deputy Supervisor, I developed an interest in and degree of understanding about the matters that come before the WCRC. Additionally, in my role as Deputy Supervisor, I gained experience with Special Assessment Districts, Annual Local Road Agreements, Federal Transportation Grant applications, traffic calming concerns and options for addressing them and multi-year plans for achieving road improvements. I am also familiar with the use of Pavement Surface & Evaluation Ratings (PASER) to suggest prioritization of road maintenance projects and the requirement for warrants in considering traffic control measures. While not claiming to be a road expert, I believe I have a baseline understanding that will enable me to contribute immediately as member of the Board and to be a quick study thereafter. I also appreciate the expertise and wisdom of the WCRC staff and personnel. Their tenure provides valuable perspective and vital continuity to the WCRC's deliberations.

Further, I believe that my life experience would add diversity to the WCRC and its discussions. Years of engagement in the public, private and non-profit sectors have developed my ability to participate constructively and contribute positively in tense situations. Being receptive to new ideas and possessing a willingness to explore creative approaches to resolving issues are attributes that can add value in these times of shrinking resources. With just such an open mind, I would look for new funding opportunities, collaborations and partnerships to support the activities of the Road Commission.

As a new Road Commissioner, I would look forward to deepening my understanding about transportation funding, construction and maintenance. I would be eager to help expand the Board's impressive outreach efforts to further strengthen the WCRC's relationships with the public, governmental units, agencies and staff as it works to meet the challenge of balancing services and diminishing revenue. The WCRC's long range planning also plays a role in maximizing funding opportunities and smoothing spikes in expenditures due to avoidable emergencies, overdue maintenance and predictable obsolescence. Observing that the WCRC Chair is forward thinking on all of these points, I would welcome the opportunity to be supportive.

In the event that a vacancy occurs, I would appreciate the opportunity to be considered for appointment to the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Ryan Fuller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Deputy Supervisor, Pittsfield Charter Township 2008-2012

Provided strategic support for the Supervisor. Prepared meeting agendas, served as liaison to township, regional, county, state and federal governmental bodies and community entities. Participated as the Supervisor's surrogate in labor contract negotiations, coordinated and prepared grant proposals for submission (CDBG, TIGER, EECBG, McCullough Family Foundation, Washtenaw County Water Resources Commission Rain Garden Design Assistance), provided requisite grant reporting and compliance, oversaw constituent service and responses to complaints and inquiries. Modeled a strong work ethic and contributed to promoting a culture of excellence.

Leadership and Community Service 1978-2013

- Urban County Executive Committee representative to the Washtenaw County Human Services Integrated Funding Grants Review Committee. 2009 & 2011
- Charter Member and Treasurer of the Manchester Lions Club since 2007.
- Washtenaw Community College Foundation Women's Council since 2004. Chair 2007. Sponsorship Committee Chair 2006, 2008, 2009
- Public Member, Washtenaw County Criminal Justice Collaborative Council. 2004-2008
- Washtenaw County Board of Canvassers 2001-2005. Chair 2002-2005
- Michigan Women's Foundation Grants Distribution Committee 1989-1992
- Montessori School Board President, School Head Search Committee Chair and leader of the subsequent Head of School Evaluation Team. Led a capital campaign that built a new school and served on the resultant building committee that retained architectural and general contracting services. Performed ongoing construction project oversight. Numerous school-related volunteer positions. 1985-2009
- Michigan Dental Hygienists Association; Trustee, Vice President – Immediate Past President, National Delegate, Speaker of the Michigan House of Delegates. 1979-1985

Legislative 1986-1991

Served as a legislative aide to State Senator Lana Pollack with substantive responsibilities in matters of legislation and constituent service. Coordinated the drafting, introduction and passage of legislation. Represented the Senator at events and meetings in Lansing and across the District.

Organizational Management and Consulting 1986-2013

- Built organizations for successful long and short term results. Served as the point of accountability for implementing strategic plans and day-to-day strategy. Hired, evaluated, trained and coached staff, ensured compliance with applicable laws, developed and implemented community outreach and public opinion survey research. Contracted and supervised consultants. Recruited and maintained cadres of volunteers.

Dental Hygiene Clinical Practice 1974-1985

Education

- B.S. in Occupational Teacher Education - University of Michigan 1977
- Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene – Grand Rapids Community College 1974

References

Douglas E. Fuller – Chair, Washtenaw County Road Commission

Mandy Grewal – Supervisor, Pittsfield Charter Township

Wendy Lawson – Vice-President of College Advancement, Washtenaw Community College

David Rutledge – State Representative, 54th District