

Candidate to be Included on Slate Michigan Chapter

Board Member at Large

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Position Statement:

I am honored to have the opportunity to apply for the MAP Board of Directors. I was introduced to MAP as a student and have been amazed at their support and resources provided to me as a young planner. I believe that I can help MAP as a member of the Board serve communities statewide in accordance with their mission statement and in lobbying for the support of legislation to benefit municipalities and planners statewide, as I currently am with the Highway Advertising Act and dark skies legislation with Scenic Michigan.

However, and most importantly, I believe that continuing education and training are important for the profession, and that these resources should be created and made accessible for all planners regardless of their community's socio-economic status. I grew up in and worked for underprivileged communities that desperately need continued guidance from professional, municipal Planners to help them thrive; and I believe that MAP can help make that possible. It is my goal to bring fun, engaging, and high-quality continuing education to help grow the next generation of Planners. I am also following up with this myself as I plan to get my AICP this November.

I would love to serve on MAP's Board because I believe that planning is not just for the communities, but for the professionals. One goal I believe that it is important is to help MAP in continuing their work to grow the profession through establishing a statewide Women and Planning Division, like APAs, to help Planners in Michigan establish a network of support and advocacy. I believe that the profession is as much about the cities as it is the people and would strive to help uphold that standard.

Work Experience:

- *City of Sterling Heights*, 2022-Present, City Planner and City Development Manager
- *Scenic Michigan*, 2021-Present, Executive Director
- *Wayne County Land Bank*, 2021-2022, Deputy Director
- *City of East Lansing*, 2017-2021, Community Development Analyst
- *City of Flint*, 2016-2017, Planner I

Education:

- *Michigan State University*, East Lansing, MI
 - o Ph D. in Planning, Design, and Construction (2020), Master's in Urban Planning (2016)
- *Saginaw Valley State University*, University Center, MI
 - o Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (2014)

Achievements and Affiliations:

- Hazel Park Planning Commission, 2021-2024.
- Michigan Association of Planning Government Relations Committee.
- Authored articles published in *Planning & Zoning News* and three peer reviewed articles.
- Co-authored a semi-academic book titled "*The Architecture of Survival: Setting and Politics in Apocalypse Films*", published by Lexington Books with a focus on urban form.