

Candidate to be Included on Slate

Michigan Chapter

Board Member at Large

Mandy Grewal

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Position Statement:

I have served on the MAP Board since fall 2022 and am running as an incumbent for a second 3-year term. I will seek the nomination for the Board Executive Committee (EC) role of Secretary Treasurer in the fall, which requires a second term. Board members who wish to serve on the EC are required to serve two terms to fulfill the qualifications to ascend to president over 3 years. The past 3 years were marked by the board's decision to take the bold step of articulating a macro vision for planning in Michigan. Having defined a blueprint for sustainable and inclusive planning as Pittsfield Township Supervisor, I am excited to continue pursuing this policy direction on the board, and contributing to a more integrated state level approach with both the MAP board and through my appointment to the MIC.

As the housing crisis dominates both mainstream and planning narratives, my years of experience as a politician and policymaker provide me with a unique lens to envision and implement integrated and regenerative land-use in Michigan. It is not accidental that Pittsfield Township has the second highest number of new residential permits issued in SE MI (second to the City of Detroit); it is the result of years of deliberative policy priorities and planning decisions to promote infill, mixed-use, multi-unit, dense development that maximizes natural resource preservation.

As Executive Committee member and then Vice-Chair and Chair of SEMCOG, my interactions with local leaders in southeast Michigan over two decades gave me hope that, if framed and implemented appropriately, inclusive and sustainable planning practices can be implemented in a bi-partisan manner across the state. As I enter the next chapter of my professional career, it would be gratifying to work in a leadership role with the extremely talented and knowledgeable MAP Board and staff to outline a strategy to do just that. Thank you for your consideration.

Work Experience:

- 2008-2024, Supervisor, Pittsfield Charter Township
- 2006-2008, County Commissioner (Pittsfield Township), Washtenaw County
- 2001-2003, Commissioner, Michigan Women's Commission, Lansing
- 1996-1998, Environmental Program Specialist, Great Lakes Commission, Ann Arbor

Education:

- 2007: Diploma, State & Local Government Leadership, Harvard University
- 2007: Diploma, Michigan Political Leadership Program, Michigan State University
- 2004: Ph.D., Urban Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 1994: M.A., Development, Trade & Planning (Economics), Eastern Michigan University

Affiliations/Memberships:

- Michigan Association of Planning (MAP)
- Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC)