



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL WARD #1 POSITION

Applicant Information

(Please type or print)

Applicant Name Washington Lee Odeker Jr.

Residence Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Cover Letter & Resume

Please attach a one page cover letter and a resume of no more than two pages to this application.

Supplemental Questions

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of Councilmember for the City of Ypsilanti on separate pages using no more than 3 pages total:

1. Why are you interested in serving as an Ypsilanti City Councilmember?
2. What strength would you bring to the Council?
3. What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the City needs to address? How would you propose to address these issues?
4. Explain your current and past community involvement and/or service on city, nonprofit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions and how this has contributed to the Ypsilanti community. Address its relevance to the position of Ypsilanti City Councilmember.
5. What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as an Ypsilanti City Councilmember?
6. What is your vision for our City and community?
7. Is there anything else that you may wish to add that would help us get to know you a little better?

Please return (*in person*) this form, your cover letter, resume, and answers to the supplemental questions to the City Clerk, at Ypsilanti City Hall (1 S. Huron St.) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

Applications received after 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted.

The application and any correspondence should be addressed to:

**Andrew Hellenga, City Clerk
City of Ypsilanti
One South Huron Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

Resume:

Event #1.

I went to Chapelle Elementary School
on Wallace in Ypsi.

After that went through West Jr. High
School on Mansfield St, Ypsilanti,
1967-1969.

Went to Ypsilanti High School, 1970-73,
Overt senior year.

Came back ^{to school in} 1983 and got
my diploma out the Ypsilanti.

Adult Education with a diploma.
Occupation singer, songwriter, Entertainer
Attended Western College for 2 years

Transferred to Eastern Michigan in 1987
and quit school to raise family
after going through a divorce and
forgot to raise 3 kids.

I am currently on disability ^{Since} 2002
I have 11 children.

I was commissioned to paint
the statues at Ypsilanti County
Center by ~~the~~ the late John Borja
of Borja and Borja Manufacturing

The strengths that I would bring to the city is as follows. I have been living in this city (Ypsilanti, Michigan) ever since the age of 7 1/2 years old. I know all about Ypsilanti, I use to work in the school system for years from an teacher aide to a hall monitor at Ypsilanti High School to a building assistant at the Old High School where they had Adult Education. I am a Leader however I am also a team member.

You ask what are the three highest priorities and or issues that I believe the city needs to address, Well to be honest I really haven't been keeping up with the issues and priorities... But it got my attention when they had issues with the last mayor ^(Chen of Michigan matter) and she resigned, and by Lois Richardson taking her position and this position opened up.

The reason why I am interested in serving Ypsilanti is as follows

1. I have always loved Ypsilanti and promoted Ypsilanti for years with my song, "Back to Ypsilanti" which became the city's official song in 1982. And I sing it almost everywhere I went to perform
2. I wish to see Ypsilanti prosper as a whole and I think with the skills that I have along with artistic & music skills that I have can bring to the council a fresh and new view and since there is an opening I would like to go forward and step in those shoes as a council member and be a creative council member and give the city my best in working with the rest of the city council members and so I step forward for such a time as this.

5. To help Ypsilanti be the
best City on the planet

6. My vision for our City
and County is to be a
Thriving ^{place to live} City known as
its name.

7. Yes I will ^{like to add}
and ready for such a time as
this. To go forward and
step into the shoes as a
city council member and work
to achieve the city's ^{current} agenda
and goals and to ^{help} set new
ones.