

**Oakland Drive/Winchell Neighborhood Association  
Board of Directors Election Questionnaire**



This questionnaire is intended for use in helping the ODWNA board establish the candidate election slate as well as informing Association voting members of your interest in becoming a board member. This will be your best tool for telling the neighborhood why you would like to be an ODWNA board member. **The information provided below will be distributed to voting members of the Association with their ballots so that they might contact the applicant to learn more about them.**

**Contact Information:**

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Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR: Member at large

1) What are your reason(s) for wanting to serve on the ODWNA board?

My family and I have lived in the Winchell neighborhood for the past ten years, and I have attended neighborhood association meetings occasionally. I love living here, and want to get more involved in the community work the ODWNA is doing. I am currently not working outside the home, and have time and energy to invest in improving our neighborhood.

2) Please give your background, experience, or expertise, which you feel will be of value to the ODWNA.

I have been employed by two local non-profit organizations in the past: Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated (2007-2014), and Prevention Works Incorporated (2014-2015). In both positions, I was actively involved in the management of board and committee meetings, both public and private. DKI, as an urban planning and development non-profit, worked closely with the City of Kalamazoo, as well as bordering neighborhood associations in the work of community improvement and development. I volunteered my time to PFC Natural Grocery & Deli for two years before being hired in (2017-2020). PFC is a strong community leader in equity, equality, and social justice in the Kalamazoo community.

3) How could the ODWNA better meet the needs of the people living in our neighborhood?

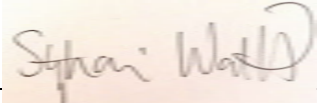
The ODWNA can continue to meet the needs of this neighborhood by maintaining the good relationships already established with City and County of Kalamazoo staff, and by working with them to establish more safe walking and biking paths throughout the neighborhood.

4) Are there any specific neighborhood and/or city issues that you feel the ODWNA needs to become more involved in?  
I think the work the ODWNA has done with City of Kalamazoo's master plan has been wonderful, and that liaison work should continue.

5) List other community boards, clubs, organizations, etc., to which you now belong or have belonged in the past.  
I was a member of the Expansion Committee for PFC for two years, which was an advisory group to the general manager. I have volunteered occasionally with Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes, and volunteered for some time with Save Our Strays, a group assisting Kalamazoo County Animal Services and Enforcement.

6) Have you received, read, understand, and agree to meet the criteria/expectations of an ODWNA board member if elected?  
Yes.

*\* Applicants are welcome to attach additional information such as a current resume, if available.*

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 03/20/23 \_\_\_\_\_