



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
JULY 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval to authorize vote for the 2024 Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund Trustee Election Ballot.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund Board of Trustees is comprised of 13 members of elected and appointed municipal officials from around the state. The Workers' Compensation Fund is a non-profit self-insurance pool owned and governed by its members. It is Michigan's leading provider of municipal workers' compensation and risk management services, with over 900 members and assets of over \$150 million. The City of Novi has been a member for over 30 years.

The Fund offers stable, cost-effective, broad coverage options and expert risk management services provided by municipal risk specialists with decades of experience. Over the last five years, the Fund has issued \$58.3 million in dividends, representing about 35% of members' premiums during the same period. Its mission is to be a stable, cost-effective, long-term risk management choice for members and associate members of the Michigan Municipal League.

The Workers' Compensation board meets four times a year. The current 2024 Trustee Election ballot is for three trustee positions and has three candidates (plus a write-in option). City Manager Victor Cardenas is one of the 2024 candidates for the Board of Trustees. He has been serving on the Workers' Compensation board since September 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to authorize vote for the 2024 Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund Trustee Election Ballot.



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To: Members of the MML Workers' Compensation Fund
From: Michael J. Forster, Fund Administrator
Date: June 24, 2024
Subject: Fund Trustee Election

Dear Fund Member:

Enclosed is your ballot for this year's Board of Trustees election. Three appointees have agreed to seek election to their first term. You may also write in one or more candidates if you wish.

A brief biographical sketch of the candidates is provided for your review.

I hope you will affirm the work of the Nominating Committee by returning your completed ballot in the enclosed return envelope, no later than August 9th. Alternately, you may complete your ballot online:

Go to www.mml.org. At the top of the page, hover over *Programs & Services* and select *Risk Management* from the drop-down list. Next, look for the *Jump To* panel and select *Workers' Compensation Fund*. The ballot link is on the next page, in the *Jump To* panel, under *Online Forms*.

The MML Workers' Compensation Fund is owned and controlled by its members. Your comments and suggestions on how we can serve you better are very much appreciated. Thank you again for your membership in the Fund, and for participating in the election of your governing board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Forster".

Michael J. Forster
Fund Administrator
mforster@mml.org

The Candidates

Four-year terms beginning October 1, 2024



Victor Cardenas, City Manager, City of Novi

Victor Cardenas joined the City of Novi as Assistant City Manager in October 2010. He was named Interim City Manager in November 2022 and was selected as City Manager in June 2023. For twelve years, Mr. Cardenas assisted the City Manager in developing program strategies to achieve City Council goals and to improve the quality of life in Novi. He coordinates day-to-day operations and ensures integration of services among City Departments as well as the dependable delivery of high-quality services while conserving community resources. Mr. Cardenas instituted a citizen relationship software that has greatly improved Novi's receipt of service requests and workflow management and created a digitized version of the City's Capital Improvement Program. He continues to be active with the International City/County Management Association, being elected to the Board of Directors in 2020, the Michigan Municipal Executives and multiple committees, associations, and organizations throughout the region. Additionally, he sits on the boards for the Intelligent Transportation Society of Michigan and the Michigan Library Network. Victor is seeking election to his first term.



Daniel Coss, City Administrator, City of DeWitt

Daniel Coss was appointed DeWitt's City Administrator in 2011, after previously working for the City of Marysville for more than 11 years. Dan is originally from the mid-Michigan area and has a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Michigan State University and a Master's of Science Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. Daniel is seeking election to his first term.



Bridget Dean, Mayor, City of Berkley

Bridget Dean was first elected to Berkley City Council in 2019 and re-elected in 2023. She and her husband have lived in Berkley since 2005 and have two grown children. Bridget has owned the knit shop "...have you any Wool?" in Berkley for twenty years. Being both a resident and business owner gives her a unique perspective and compliments the skills already on City Council. Bridget has been active in numerous organizations, as a member and vice chair of the Berkley Downtown Development Authority and several of its committees, and as a member and board member of the Greater Berkley Chamber of Commerce. Bridget is seeking election to her first term.

**Michigan Municipal League
Workers' Compensation Fund**

OFFICIAL BALLOT - 2024

Vote for three Trustees by marking the line to the left of the name for four-year terms beginning October 1, 2024.

Victor Cardenas, Appointee
Manager, City of Novi

Daniel Coss, Appointee
Administrator, City of DeWitt

Bridget Dean, Appointee
Mayor, City of Berkley

Write-in Candidate

I hereby certify that:

(Municipality/Agency)

by action of its governing body, has authorized its vote to be cast for the above persons to serve as Trustees of the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund.

Official Signature

Date:

**Ballot deadline:
August 9, 2024**