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**Application for Appointment to Commissions, Boards, Committees and Task Forces -  
Submission #3610**

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Date Submitted: 12/31/2020

Applications for Boards and Commissions are accepted year-round. As seats become vacant, the City of West St. Paul will consider all active applications for appointment. Applications are considered active for one year from submission date. To remain active after one year, applicants must re-apply.

**First Name\***

Leah

**Last Name\***

Koch

**Address1\***

**Address2**

**City\***

West St. Paul

**State\***

Minnesota

**Zip\***

55118

**Email\***

lmiller.leah@gmail.com

**Home Phone**

**Cell Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Public Commission Directory\***

Please indicate the phone number(s) you would like published in our Public Commission Directory if you are appointed. Permission to release your phone number to the public is a requirement of the Data Practices Act.

Home

Cell

Work

**Mark up to 3 committees you are interested in serving on\***

- Charter Commission
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Commission
- Environmental / Greening Committee
- Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization
- NDC4 (Cable Commission)

**If you are interested in more than one committee, please list them in order of most desirable to least desirable.**

**More Info**

[Learn more about each Board and Commission here...](#)

**How Many Years Have You Lived in West St. Paul\***

Three years

**Ward**

2

**Precinct**

1

**Employment / Job Title\***

City Attorney

**Employer Name & Address\***

Campbell Knutson  
860 Blue Gentian Road, Suite 290  
Eagan, MN 55121

**List your past and present civic activities or memberships which may be helpful to this committee.\***

-NorthStar Neighbor Volunteer.  
-Lector at St. Joseph's Parish in West St. Paul.  
-FFA AgriScience Fair Judge.  
-Crew 52 Member for the 2018 Super Bowl.  
-Former member of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Committee.  
-Former Member of the Minnesota Women Lawyer's Equity Committee.

**List two or three goals that you would like to see accomplished during your term on a commission.\***

1. Preserve election integrity in West St. Paul.  
  
2. Advocate for government transparency and accountability.  
  
3. Preserve and enhance our City's constitution in pragmatic, effective, and measured ways. I will do this by applying my experiences of working with other charter cities as a City Attorney.

**How did you become interested in serving on a committee?\***

As long as I can remember I have always had a passion for public service. Growing up in a small farming community solidified an all-hands-on-deck approach to community life. That appetite to give has been instilled in me.

We each need to bring our full selves to the community we live in. During this pandemic, where so many are shrinking into themselves and their homes, there really is no better time to make a show of strength and boldness by stepping into a leadership role like this one.

As a self-proclaimed process nerd, I find the charter commission to be a perfect fit for me as it oversees the formalities and procedures of the city. As mentioned, my experiences as a City Attorney will add a unique perspective to this commission.

Thank you for your time please do not hesitate to reach out if you have other questions.

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