

# Application for Appointment

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Please Provide Information for your Home/Legal Residence

Q. First Name

R. John

Q. Last Name

R. Latella

Q. City

R. Rochester Hills

Q. Oakland County Resident:

R. Yes

Q. Length of Residency

R. 2

Party Affiliation

Q. What is your party affiliation?

R. Republican

Education

Q. High School Name or GED

R. Chippewa Valley High School

Q. City/State

R. Clinton Township, MI

Q. College/Technical

R. Wayne State, Walsh College and MSU School of Law

Q. City/State

R. Detroit, Troy and East Lansing, MI

Q. Degree(s) received

R. BS, Master of Science - Finance & JD

Employment

Q. Employer

R. Latella, Inc

Q. Position Title

R. Owner

Q. Dates of Employment

R. 2015-Present

Q. Duties

R. Angel Investor & Business Consulting, specializing in closely held family businesses.

Q. Employer

R. Garden Fresh Gourmet

Q. Position Title

R. CEO/General Counsel/Co-Owner

Q. Dates of Employment

R. 2007-2015

Q. Duties

R. Responsible for growth and management of Garden Fresh Gourmet and its affiliates. Responsible for all aspects of business.

References

Q. Contact #1

R. Mark Hackel, Macomb County Executive

Q. Contact #2

R. Tom Callan - CEO UHY Advisors

Q. Contact #3

R. Jack Aronson - Founder - Garden Fresh Gourmet

Please answer the following five questions in 500 words or less:

Q. What is your vision for the future of Oakland County?

R. Simply for Oakland County to remain the blueprint for county government and maintain its status as a fiscally responsible county. Continue to be the premier county to work and raise a family, as well as attract investment and businesses.

Q. What are your professional qualifications?

R. I have 20 years in executive management managing and growing a privately held family business that ultimately sold to a Fortune 500 company. I have a Master's Degree in Finance and a law degree as well. I have experience in managing complex organizations, with responsibilities in all aspects of the business - HR, Finance/Accounting, Legal, Sales, Manufacturing, Marketing.

Q. Do you have background working with complex budgeting? If so, briefly explain.

R. Yes, as the CEO of Garden Fresh and our 2 affiliates I managed the budgeting process and growth initiatives for our \$105M organization.

Q. Describe your involvement with national, state, and local civic organizations, especially working with other leaders.

R. I am an Advisory Board member of the Salvation Army's Eastern Michigan division and the current past chair of the board. I am also a member of the Salvation Army's National Advisory Board where I serve alongside some of the country's most distinguished business leaders, such as Charlotte Jones Anderson of the Dallas Cowboys and former First Lady Laura Bush. I am also a Trustee of the Michigan State University School of Law.

Q. What do you think is the largest problem facing Oakland County today?

R. Maintaining its momentum as well as its bond rating. Anytime you have a significant leadership change you risk losing momentum while acclimating to a new style of leadership. Unfortunately we are living in a very confrontational political climate and you need someone whose agenda is simply doing what's in the interest of the people and not what is in the interest of them. I have no other motives. I have been a successful CEO, sold my company and know what it takes to both lead, and get results.

Q. Applicant's Signature

R. John J Latella

Q. Date:

R. 08/13/19

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