

# City Council Vacancy Application: Submission #16

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## Date of Application:

2024-11-16

Your Name:

### Last Name

Babrowski

### First Name

Claire

### Middle Name

Harbeck

Address:

### Number and Street

331 Sea Breeze Drive

### Apt. Number

{Empty}

### City

Marco Island

### State

Florida

### Zip

34145

Phone Numbers:

### Home

239.389.0301

### Cell

239.404.2778

### Business

{Empty}

## Email Address

[cbabrowski@icloud.com](mailto:cbabrowski@icloud.com)

## Organization

City Council

Background

## How long have you been a resident on Marco Island?

More than 15 Years

## Are you a qualified elector of the City?

Yes

## Have you previously served on the City Council for more than eight [8] years?

No

## Have you ever been convicted or found guilty of a criminal offense (any level felony or first degree misdemeanor only)?

No

**Would you (or any organizations with which you are affiliated) potentially benefit on a personal level from decisions or recommendations made by this board?**

No

**Do you currently hold public office?**

No

**Do you now serve, or have you ever served on a Collier County or City of Marco Island board or committee?**

Yes

Qualifications

**Please list your community activities and positions held (Example: Civic clubs, neighborhood associations, etc.):**

Marco Island Planning Board, Marco Island City Council, YMCA Board, Hideaway Beach Board, MDR Board

**Why do you want to serve on the City Council?**

- I think long standing concerns around intensity on the Island are continuing to grow and the underlying issues are complex. In my experiences on the Planning Board and City Council, I found the learning curve to be steep. With four new councilors joining the council, I believe my experience could be helpful in moving the problem solving ahead without delay.

**What issues do you think should be addressed by the City Council?**

- Intensity and infrastructure, Leadership, Code Enforcement

**Resume**

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# Planning Board Has New Chairperson

| February 20, 2020

Photo by Steve Stefanides | Claire Babrowski, new Chair of Planning Board.

There is a new “sheriff in town” and she has the position of Planning Board Chairperson. Her name is Claire Babrowski and she and her husband live in Hideaway Beach. She comes with a considerable resume from the business world and is now in her third year on the board, having been nominated by Councilor Larry Honig.

She began her corporate experience from the ground up so to speak, beginning her career at McDonald’s Corporation at the age of 16, flipping hamburgers and would later spend 30 years in various roles, including direct responsibility for McDonald’s Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa operations, and eventually serving as senior executive vice president and chief restaurant operations officer.

She then spent a short time at Radio Shack during a time of turmoil, from 2005 to 2006. Ms. Babrowski worked for RadioShack Corporation serving

as executive vice president, then president, chief operating officer and acting chief executive officer after the resignation of Avid Edmondson due to his embellishment of his educational resume.

She then moved on to serve as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Toys "R" Us, Inc. from 2007 to 2010.

Ms. Babrowski later served on the Board of Directors of a number of large companies, including Pier 1 Imports, The Delhaize Group and QCE Finance LLC, the parent company of Quiznos. Ms. Babrowski had also previously served as a director and chairman of Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.

In 2007, Ms. Babrowski was named by "FORTUNE" as 37th on the list of the 50 most powerful woman executive in the world due to her credentials and achievements. In 2009, she was named 17th on the list of the top 19 most influential women, which included names such as Condoleezza Rice, Meg Whitman, Carrie Cox and Susan Thomson to name a few.

Claire attended the University of Illinois and holds an MBA from the University of North Carolina.

She has served the last year on the board as the Vice-Chairperson and was elected by her fellow board members to the Chairman's position.

The Planning Board will be dealing with a number of interesting challenges during the upcoming year. Those challenges will range from a review of the city's comprehensive plan to another debate regarding where and if an Assisted Living Facility (ALF) might be a wise choice for being located on the island.

We will highlight the background of the newly elected Vice-Chairman of the board, Jason Bailey in our next edition.

Planning Board meetings are held on the first Friday of every month in council chambers starting at 9 AM. You may view their agenda for each

meeting by going to [www.cityofmarcoisland.com](http://www.cityofmarcoisland.com) and click on the link for the calendar shown there. You may then click on the meeting to view its agenda. You may also choose to watch the meetings live from your computer or on Channel 93 on your television.