

# City Council Vacancy Application: Submission #8

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**Date of Application:**

2024-11-13

Your Name:

**Last Name**

Yawitz

**First Name**

Sheelah

**Middle Name**

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Address:

**Number and Street**

100 N Collier Blvd

**Apt. Number**

1106

**City**

Marco Island

**State**

Florida

**Zip**

34145

Phone Numbers:

**Home**

{Empty}

**Cell**

314-518-4306

**Business**

{Empty}

**Email Address**

[sheelahy@yahoo.com](mailto:sheelahy@yahoo.com)

**Organization**

City Council

Background

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

3-4 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?**

No

Qualifications

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

1989 - 2011 MMMA (Missouri Merchants & Mfgs Assn) President/registered lobbyist for small business. My specialty was workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, health care and taxes effecting small business.

Developed the benefit program for MMMA of Self Insured Workers' Compensation Fund which is the largest heterogenous self-insured fund in the state of Missouri.

Privately raised \$400,000 for The Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital restricted to Multiple Sclerosis Research.

Served on Board of Directors, Crescent Beach Condominium February 1, 2016 to February 1, 2022. President of the Board 2018 - 2022. Duties of President included successfully filing, processing and settling Association's Hurricane Irma Claim in May 2021 for \$8 million.

My past experience as a lobbyist gave me the foundational skills to navigate statutes, propose amendments and pass meaningful legislation. This previous work experience gave me the ability to interface with the insurance adjustor, general contractor, and attorneys to restore our property to its current pristine state.

For the past 3 1/2 years I have been volunteering 3-4 times a week at Our Daily Bread Food Pantry. My time there has been rewarding, working with the community doing intake and distribution for those in need.

Additionally, starting in June 2021 I began Sunday dinners with my neighbor Eleanor who will be 97 next month. I see this as an opportunity to give back and share time with a friend.

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

- I have concerns about the future of Marco Island. I've seen the respect for residents from the Council deteriorate over the last several years. I want to bring us all back working together. In the 2022 resident survey, approval and trust in City Council was below 10%. I would like to work on restoring their trust.

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

- Staying within our capacity as an small island is my primary concern. I'd also like to see sanitary facilities for beach goers addressed. I would also like better communication from the Council to the residents.

**Resume**

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