



City of Grand Rapids, Michigan

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

ROSALYNN C. BLISS

MAYOR

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Commissioner Senita Lenear
City of Grand Rapids
300 Monroe Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Dear Commissioner Lenear,

I am pleased to invite you to participate on the City of Grand Rapids' Lead Free Advisory Committee. This is a new committee that is being created that will focus on reviewing, assessing and providing guidance on the City's housing and lead remediation procedures, plans and programs. The work will include:

- Reviewing Statewide and County data, reports and recommendations
- Assessing the strengths and gaps in the City's current procedures, plans and programs and making recommendations for changes and/or enhancements
- Identifying best practices that can be implemented in Grand Rapids
- Provide strategic recommendations and clear action steps to enhance the City's work in eliminating lead hazards in homes and neighborhoods
- Examine state legislative interventions to support a Lead Free Grand Rapids

You can learn more about our work at <https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Directory/Programs-and-Initiatives/Get-the-Lead-Out>

The committee's key objective is to provide strategic thinking and guidance that ensures Grand Rapids has an aggressive, comprehensive plan to dramatically reduce the number of children poisoned by lead in our community. The committee, which will include me, Commissioners Senita Lenear and Kurt Reppart, several City staff and approximately eight community stakeholders. The committee will likely meet for 90 minutes every other month. Participation will be asked to make a two- to three-year commitment.

Karyn Ferrick, the City's Legislative Manager, will chair the Lead Free Advisory Committee. Please notify Karyn by Friday, July 7th whether you accept this invitation to serve on the committee at kferrick@grcity.us or 616.456.3657. The first meeting will be scheduled once members are confirmed.

I value your expertise and experience, and I hope you are willing to partner with the City in this way. Thank you for your great work and for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rosalynn Bliss

CC: Commissioner Senita Lenear and Commissioner Kurt Reppart