



City of Fenton

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City Council Selects New Councilman

Fenton, MI: On July 30th, 2025, the City of Fenton Council announced they were accepting applications for the vacant seat on City Council left by the resignation of former Council Member Brad Jacob. Candidates had to be 18 years old, have lived in the City for at least one year, be a registered elector of the City, and have no outstanding delinquencies. The application period closed on August 7th, 2025. Five applicants stood before City Council during the regular council meeting on August 11th, 2025 to be interviewed.

Each candidate was asked a series of predetermined questions about their qualifications, their vision for the City, and experience related to the position. City Council voted by written ballot and the City Clerk and City Attorney tallied votes during the council meeting. Donald “Skip” Bancroft earned the majority vote from City Council. Bancroft has lived in the City of Fenton for 56 years and holds a BA in Political Science, History, Philosophy, and Economics. Along with being an active participant in regular council meetings, Bancroft also has served on the Board of Review, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Library Board, Compensation Committee, Genesee County Metro Alliance, and the street improvement program.

“I want to continue the work of previous City Councils and continue encouraging the growth of downtown. I grew up in Fenton before downtown was demolished and attended Fenton Schools, earning letters in football and track. I enjoy working on the various boards and commissions. I intend to be a true public servant,” said Bancroft. A motion was made by David McDermott and seconded by Tracy Bottecelli to appoint Donald “Skip” Bancroft as the candidate for the vacant City Council seat. Bancroft formally took the oath of office during the August 11th, 2025 City Council meeting and will serve in the unexpired City Council seat for the term ending in 2027.

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