Committee: Covent Garden Market

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: Roger Caranci

Address:

101 Goldwick Crescent London, ON

N5V 2K9

Occupation: Real Estate Agent, Consultant

Work experience: I am a commercial/residential sales agent for Royal Lepage Triland Realty in the City of London. Prior to my position with that company I was a sales representative for a large, local, construction supply company. My day to day interactions involved meeting with clients and helping solve any issues regarding their needs. At the same time I worked as a sales agent, I was also a councilor at the City of London. Education: My schooling was all completed in London. I am a graduate of Lucas Secondary School and I attended Fanshawe College.

Skills: I served on the board of the Covent Garden Market as a board member and chair. I understand the intricacies involved in dealing with the issues affecting the market and the downtown area. I was instrumental in having the board meet regularly with vendors to hear their concerns and address them appropriately.

Interest reason: As a lifetime Londoner, I have always supported the market and the downtown. My past experience with the board of Covent Garden Market has always been positive and my interactions with vendors and market staff has been very collaborative and productive.

Contributions: I understand the mission of the Covent Garden Market and what it means to the citizens of London. My experience on this and other boards gives me an understanding of the governance model and how to deal with outstanding issues or new issues that come forward. I have brought forward ideas in the past which have been implemented in the market and will continue to do so if appointed again.

Past contributions: When I was a member of the board of CGM I was instrumental in helping recruit the current manager. I advocated for wifi service in the building. I was heavily involved in initiating discussions with London Hydro on installing solar panels on the building to generate power and revenue for CGM. I brought forward, on behalf of vendors, the possibility of constructing a "cooler" in the parking garage which helped vendors in their day to day operations. All these initiatives could only be accomplished with the blessing of the board. These initiatives were all implemented because the board believed in the reasons for doing so.

Interpersonal: My experience is gleaned from my days as an elected official where all of the skills mentioned are required. In order to accomplish anything it must be understood that we are not all the same and all initiatives must be approached in a collaborative manner. This means that all must be listened to, even when there are divergent views. I have always been very good at helping and asking for help when required.

Interview interest: Yes