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City of Troy
City Clerk's Office
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Troy, Michigan 48084
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(RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO ABOVE ADDRESS)

**APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL APPLICATIONS DUE TO THE
CITY CLERK BY SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 at NOON** Check box to keep
 application confidential

Thank you for your interest in serving on City Council. The purpose of this form is to provide the Mayor and City Council with basic information about applicants considered for appointment.

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Date: September 8, 2016

Name (Mrs): Dr. Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creanga

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: 3315 Witherbee Drive

City/Zip Troy 48084

Employer: The Kresge Foundation (2+ years)

Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: 3215 West Big Beaver Road

City/Zip Troy 48084

How long have you lived continuously in the City of Troy? 1/2 year apx. E-Mail: RAChamberlain@kresge.org

Are you a registered voter in the City of Troy? Yes No
Are you affiliated with any political party? Yes No
Are you a graduate of Troy's Citizen Academy? Yes No

(Verified by Clerk's Office)

Are you related to an elected official or employee of the City of Troy? Yes No

Insert your relationship to elected official or employee of the City of Troy: _____

Have you ever been convicted for anything other than a minor traffic violation? Yes No

City Administration utilizes electronic methods to disseminate information for meetings. Are you able to take advantage of electronic documents (email, Internet access, home computer)? Yes No

Professional Qualifications and/or Work Experience: My work experience in philanthropy and international development, and my decade-long commitment to being a bridge builder between constituents and decision-makers, makes me well suited not only to fulfil, but bring value-added to this important public service position. My time at The Kresge Foundation – under the leadership and mentorship of CEO Rip Rapson – has taught me about the value and dynamics of building public-private and philanthropic partnerships to address socio-economic challenges for the public good. Some of the projects I support at Kresge, such as the \$90-million *Strong, Prosperous, and Resilient Communities Challenge* with the Ford Foundation and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, support locally driven approaches to land use and infrastructure and transit-oriented development. Knowledge and communications insights acquired from these projects can be helpfully applied to Troy's zoning and socio-economic development work. Before moving to my home state of Michigan, I worked as a conflict and social development specialist at the World Bank Group in Washington, DC. My responsibilities included conducting program consultations with business associations, chambers of commerce, nonprofits, constituents, and government officials (from municipalities to high-ranking central government ministers), as I organized focus groups, social/political risk analyses, policy recommendations and stakeholder mappings to help internal and

external clients make policies and operations successful and sustainable. My training in citizen engagement (e.g., citizen score cards, grievance redress mechanisms through cutting-edge information-communication technology) and collaboration with public authorities and the private-sector is invaluable for a position requiring regular engagement with these leaders and sectors. Overall, I look forward to bringing my expertise and background to aid the sustainability and impact of Troy's public services and programming.

Community Activities and/or Other Experience:

- I was recently appointed to the **Global Troy Advisory Committee**, utilizing my anthropology background and World Bank training on policies to promote social inclusion. I welcome the opportunity to combine and integrate this work with issues of economic development in the City of Troy.
- I represent The Kresge Foundation on the **advisory board of LearnPhilanthropy of the Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University**. In this capacity, I use my communications skills to expand the reach of learning resources for the sector. I look forward to applying my communications and knowledge management abilities to the work of the Troy City Council.
- I was appointed to the **Christ Church Cranbrook Stewardship Committee**, where we advocate for good financial management of our parish budget and resources.
- I was invited to serve as an adjunct professor, teaching a course on performance evaluation as a part of **Oakland University's Nonprofit Management Certificate Program**.
- I am active in my **Troy neighborhood association**, Buckingham Woods-Cedar Ridge.

Educational Background: I hold a Ph.D. in economic anthropology from the London School of Economics. ~~As a U.S. Marshall Scholar to Great Britain, I earned a master of arts from University College London and a~~ master of science from the London School of Economics. I received a bachelor of arts in international relations and American politics from Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. These educational pursuits have equipped me with understanding bottom-up and top-down elements important to socio-economic development and political decision-making in the United States and around the world.

References (Please list name and address):

- (1) Rip Rapson, President and CEO, The Kresge Foundation: 3215 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan 48084
[REDACTED]
- (2) Rev. Canon Dr. William J. Danaher, Jr., Rector, Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304
[REDACTED]
- (3) Ari Simon, Vice President and Chief Program and Strategy Officer: The Kresge Foundation, 3215 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan 48084
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- (4) Aly Rahim, Advisor to President of World Bank Group, World Bank, 1818 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20433
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