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**2018 APPLICATION FOR CITY BOARDS**

The information requested below is for consideration of appointment to a City Board. Please complete and return this form to the City Clerk, along with a brief resume of your education and experience by or before Thursday, March 29, 2018.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Florida has a very broad public records law. Documents relating to city business are public records and are available to the public and media upon request. Your information provided within this application may therefore be subject to public disclosure.

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**PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING BOARD(S) ON WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING** (A brief description of each board can be found on our website or by clicking on this link: [City Boards and Committees](#))

- ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
- PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
- \*PLANNING & ZONING BOARD
- REDISTRICTING BOARD (Appointments will be made in August)

**PLEASE MARK YES OR NO FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

- Are you a resident of Coconut Creek? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you a registered voter (elector) in Broward County? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you hold a public office? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X
- Are you employed by the City? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X
- Are you currently a member of a City Board? Yes Alternate No \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever served on a City Board? Yes Alternate No \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you away from the City for extended periods during the year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X
- Would you serve on a Board other than the one(s) selected? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

SIGNATURE: [Signature] Date: 3-21-18

\* Denotes that a Financial Disclosure Form is required upon appointment to the Board.

**Joel VanHemel**  
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**Coconut Creek, FL. 33066**  
**954-803-9440**

I am applying to serve on the Coconut Creek Parks and Recreation Board

## ■ Experience

- I am currently an alternate on the parks and rec advisory board. Although we have met only twice since my appointment to the board, I have gained valuable insight by observing the meetings and seeing the manner in which the future of our parks department is planned for the current and future of our residents of all ages. I have found the NRPA membership emails helpful as well. As I grow more comfortable, I believe I can help make a positive impact as a part of the board as the staff of the Parks Dept is open to suggestions and even encourages thoughts and ideas from us as citizens.
- I have coached Competitive Girls softball at the recreational level in Coconut Creek as well as highly competitive travel teams on the college exposure level for 10+ years. These teams played throughout the state of Florida as well as the Southeastern and the Northeastern states. During these years I saw firsthand a variety of municipal parks and fields. My experience should help with new ideas to help continue to make our city's parks the standard in our area. Currently, I am also assisting the Monarch High softball team where I also help maintain the field at the school.

## **Education, Skills and Employment**

I earned a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from SUNY Utica and an Associates in Business Administration from Alfred State College. In 1986, I moved to the Fort Lauderdale area where I became self employed in the retail camera and one-hour photo field. In the past 15 years, we have adapted to the digital age where we print and custom frame not only photos but artwork as well. We also print and frame for galleries, as well as printing banners for schools and municipalities. I am proficient in the use of both Mac and PC computer platforms, MS Office, Adobe Photoshop and more.

I have been married to Robbin VanHemel for 22 years and have 2 children, Amber (20) and Lauren (18).

In closing, this resume is brief and may not be structured to normal resume standards, but this is a result of not updating a resume for decades. Additional references etc. available upon request.