

**Healthy Streets Committee**

Community Member Appointee Statement of Interest

Rachel Francisco

In addition to my career in marketing and communications, I have extensive theatre experience, as a performer, director, and producer. How does that translate, you may ask? Being involved in the production side of theatre means you have to plan, troubleshoot, and communicate directions to move people, sets, and props around in a limited space, while working within unchangeable constraints (text, budget, space), striving for an outcome that is fulfilling for all parties involved - creative team, actors, and audience members; all within a set timeframe. I see this as a direct correlation to the Healthy Streets initiative. The goal is to make traveling through and around Ann Arbor a fulfilling experience for all participants (walkers, bikers, disabled, and drivers), without impacting the business of the city and University, while working within a labyrinth of rules and opinions, with a limited budget and timeframe.

I have lived and worked in the Ann Arbor area for over 30 years (as a student, renter in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, co-op member in Ann Arbor, homeowner in Ypsilanti, and now homeowner in Ann Arbor), and am interested in becoming more involved with the evolution of the place I lovingly call home.