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Current Grade*	10
Graduating Year*	2025
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	2
Order of preference number	3
Teacher Name*	Catherine Marion
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Teacher School*	Novi High School
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Activity	Singing Class- Wed 6:30 pm- 2 hr, Dance Class- Thurs 5pm- 1 hr, Sunday- Math 11am- 2 hr, Total 5 hours.
Signature/Date	Kuldeep Akerkar/06/26/2023
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Aditi Akerkar
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Dear Council Selection Committee,

I am so grateful to have this opportunity to become part of the Novi Youth Council. I think that being a member of this council would be an excellent opportunity for me to get involved with and contribute to my community and become more educated on the government system of a city.

One of the main reasons why I want to join this council is because I really want to get involved in our community. Throughout my life, I have personally experienced how the strength of a community can affect individual people. Ever since me and my family moved to Novi, compared to our previous community, my interactions with others have increased and become much more enjoyable, and the assurance that Novi is such a safe city gives me security. Thus, I am eager to be able to give back to the community that I have grown so much in.

Another reason why I would love to be in this council is because of the valuable learning experience that I can get. I would love to learn more about how a city government works, and this opportunity provides so much insight in this topic. I feel that this information is not only interesting to know, but also can truly help me later in life if I want to get more involved in my own city government or community.

In conclusion, I am extremely excited about this opportunity to serve on the council to enhance our community, contribute my ideas, and get a better understanding of our government system. I am confident in my ability to carry out the duties of a council member and make a positive impact. Thank you so much for considering my application, and I look forward to hearing back.

Sincerely,
Aditi Akerkar



Dear Novi Youth Council,

It is a great pleasure to recommend Aditi Akerkar as a member to the Novi Youth Council. She is one of the most exceptional students I have encountered in my 4 years of teaching. I currently teach Aditi in my 10th grade English class and have watched her grow into a capable, passionate, and caring individual throughout the school year. I am not surprised that she is applying to be a leader in our community to advocate for the youth of Novi. She has a keen interest in and talent for politics. Her advanced skills and passion for others makes her an ideal candidate.

Aditi's personal strengths are as impressive as her intellectual accomplishments. She has an active, determined presence in class. Aditi's the perfect person to ask for help or clarification, and she's not afraid to talk about controversial issues in her papers or projects. Her focused nature and openness to feedback means she's always learning and growing as a person, an impressive strength that will continue to serve her well as a possible future public servant. Aditi is just the kind of driven, engaging, and curious student that helped make our classroom a lively environment and safe place to take intellectual risks.

Aditi has my highest recommendation as a member of the Novi Youth Council. She has demonstrated excellence in all that she puts her mind to. Aditi's endless curiosity, combined with her willingness to take risks, leads me to believe there will be no limit to her growth and achievements as she tries to make this world a little better for her community. Please don't hesitate to contact me at catherine.marion@novik12.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ms. Marion

English Teacher

Novi High School

Morris, Melissa

From: postmaster@muniweb.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 9:42 PM
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School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	10th
Graduating Year*	2025
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	2
Order of preference number	3
Mentor Name*	Shekar Erasala
Mentor Phone*	3138057899
Mentor School*	N/A
Mentor Email*	serasala@gmail.com
Activity	Swimming: Mon - Fri 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Sat 7 am - 9:30 am Total: 15 hours SAT Prep: Mon 7-9:30 pm Total: 2.5 hours Robotics: Tues and Thurs 6-9 pm Total: 6 hours Total: 23.5 hours
Signature/Date	Dhruv Bahuguna, 8/22/2023
Signature/Date	Jyoti Nautiyal, 8/22/2023
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To the Novi City Council:

Hi, my name is Dhruv Bahuguna. I'm writing this letter today to let you all know the reason why I want to join the Novi Youth Council.

The reason why I want to join the Novi Youth Council is that I want to give back to my community and learn what it takes to run this beautiful city of ours. I have lived in Novi my whole life, and while others may complain about our city (Sometimes that also includes me), I also see the beauty that results from the hard work of the people of our city, like the ITC parks, the Bosco soccer fields, and the newly constructed ITC park trails, some of which I regularly bike to, to take in the sights.

In addition to loving our city, I try to give back to it as much as I can as well. I am planning on joining the Novi High School recycling club this year, and I have already led and participated in multiple volunteering events to help clean up our school including the packaging of food for people in need in partnership with the Zelfia's Kitchen initiative, learning about the MSU tollgate farm and helping the cleanup effort, participating in a back-to-school event just recently, that worked to package and deliver school supplies to children in need, helping to get people safely vaccinated during the 2021 SV Temple Covid-19 vaccination drive, and helping raise funds for families in need through the SV Temple in partnership with Zelfias Kitchen.

I hope that this letter shows you all that I am willing and able to take the next step in giving back to my community by joining the Novi Youth Council, and I look forward to working with you all soon.

Sincerely,
Dhruv Bahuguna

To Novi City Council,

It is my pleasure to be able to recommend Dhruv Bahuguna for a position on the Novi Youth Council for the upcoming session.

I am Shekar Erasala, resident of Northville and member of the S.V.Temple and Cultural Center (SVTCC) Novi Community Outreach Committee. I have known Dhruv for the last 4 years he has been volunteering in various temple volunteer activities and fundraisers.

During the time that I have worked with him, I have observed that he is extremely passionate about helping his community. One example of this is his involvement in the COVID-19 vaccination drive at the S.V. Temple Novi temple in 2020 and 2021. He took it upon himself to lead a team of other students to raise funds that were benefitting the “back to school backpack” initiative. He effectively explained the reason for the initiative and collected over \$1000 in 3 sessions of the vaccine drive. I was impressed with his dedication and perseverance in communicating the need and convincing the people to donate to the initiative.

He also has been a huge help to our efforts, volunteering from (2020-2023), to help collect donation money for the local food bank that helps the families in need around the Novi area. His task was to explain to the center visitors the need in the community and how the temple can help hundreds of families with their donations. I am extremely proud to say with just Dhruv’s effort we raised \$2500 for the community food drive.

He has had experience working on many aspects of the outreach effort, he has been involved in the packaging and distribution of the food and back-to-school supplies as well.

He is also an excellent listener and a dedicated worker, and he can carry out the job that you want him to do and excel at it.

Dhruv is passionate about helping the community as demonstrated by volunteering to help the community. I want him to be able to help the city as a whole through the city board as well. I strongly recommend him to be considered to be on the Novi Youth Council board.

For more information, please feel free to contact me at serasala@gmail.com or 3138057899.

Sincerely,

Shekar Erasala

Manager

Ford Motor Company

From: postmaster@muniweb.com
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2023 4:09 PM
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School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	10th
Graduating Year*	2026
Novi Youth Council	1
Novi Library Board	3
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services	2
Mentor Name*	Claire Schurig
Mentor Phone*	248-449-1525
Mentor School*	Novi High School
Mentor Email*	claire.schurig@novik12.org
Activity	Robotics - Thursday 6:30pm - 2 hours - Community Service Events as scheduled Balavihar(Hindu Culture Class) - Saturday 3pm - 2 hours Singing Lessons - Tuesday 6:30pm - 1 hour Temple volunteering as scheduled Interact club - Monday once a month 3pm - 2 hours
Signature/Date	Rajneesh Banga 8/25/23
Signature/Date	Vandana Banga 8/25/23
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When I think about my future, many thoughts run through my mind: becoming an engineer, running my business, traveling the world, and more. While these dreams change on and off, one thought never leaves my mind, which is to help others selflessly. Selflessness is vital because it allows me to focus on those who might get neglected otherwise.

I started volunteering in the 2nd grade. Whether it is helping in the kitchen at the Novi Hindu Temple, planning the resources to arrange the food for homeless people in the homeless shelter of Detroit, packing meal kits for the homeless people through interact club, making bookmarks for local school libraries or organizing STEM activities for the kids in summer camps, it has always given me an immense joy when I help others selflessly.

So, when I saw the application for the Novi Youth Council, I didn't want to miss the opportunity since this would give me a bigger platform to make an impact in our community. If elected, it would allow me to gain insight into how the communities are governed, and how its policies are defined, which is very valuable knowledge to have to make a positive change in the community. I would strive to open the eyes of the community to problems of drug addiction and homelessness. I personally feel these two interrelated issues will impact our generation for years. Communities with high rates of drug addiction and homelessness can experience increased crime, strained social services, and decreased overall quality of life. Addressing these issues collectively can lead to safer and healthier communities. I would achieve my objectives through fundraisers, community gatherings, and new policies. I sincerely hope and wish you will give me the opportunity to represent the youth perspective and influence decisions that affect the next generation.



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Advanced Ed Accreditation

June 23, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Jiya Banga as a candidate for the Novi Youth Council. I have only had Jiya in choir for one year so far, but already see what a leader she is and what an impact she has on the groups that she is a part of. She contributes positively to class discussion, is insightful and thoughtful, and is a joy to have around. I have already seen her make a difference in the choir program in only one year, and can't wait to see how she will leave her mark over the next three years.

Jiya is the type of student you love to have in class. She is responsible, organized, and always wanting to help others. She has a radiant positive energy about her that naturally draws in those around her, and she is always pushing herself and those around her to learn and grow. Her peers look up to her and respect her because of her kindness and her work ethic, and she is just a very personable young lady. She is incredibly mature for her age, providing thoughtful feedback on our performances and helping to run student-led sectional rehearsals. Jiya is an all-around delight to have in class and is someone who strengthens every group that she is a part of.

The great thing about Jiya, is that she is bright and talented, yet humble and focused. She does everything with a smile on her face and draws her peers in with her positivity and drive. Jiya has established herself as a leader in our choir program, and I know she would do the same as a member of the Novi Youth Council as well. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Claire Schurig
Choir Director
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School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	11th
Graduating Year*	2025
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	2
Order of preference number	3
Mentor Name*	Janet Bloom
Mentor Phone*	(248) 320-7599
Mentor School*	Novi High School
Mentor Email*	jbloom@frogforce503.org
Activity	Monday: Robotics Team Meeting (January 2024 - June 2025 and January 2025 - June 2025): 6 pm - 9 pm Tuesday: Robotics Leadership Meeting (May 2023 - January 2024 and May 2024 - January 2025): 6 pm - 8 pm Wednesday: Business Elite Leadership Meeting (All year round): 5 pm - 6 pm Thursday: Robotics Team Meeting (May 2023 - January 2023 and May 2024 - January 2025): 6 pm - 8 pm Saturday: Robotics Leadership Meeting (January 2024 - May 2024 and January 2025 - May 2025): 9 am - 3 pm
Signature/Date	Kaushik Baskar
Signature/Date	8/23/2023
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Kaushik Baskar

8/1/2023

My Novi Youth Council Interest

The tranquil sight of steam and the nutty smell fills my senses with joy yet make me start to think. The bustling environment eased the tension in my mind but the hurdle was still ahead. The moment arrived.

“Hi welcome to Starbucks what would you like?”, the barista greets warmly. Various different drink names and customizations race through my head seeking the perfect order. The desire for perfection didn’t just exist at Starbucks, but in all activities, I partook in. In the 7th grade, I joined a FIRST Tech Challenge team and due to my work with planning nationwide outreach and writing detailed documentation, I became team captain. Additionally, I became the Sponsor Relations group lead on Novi High School’s Robotics team, Frog Force. In this position, I have raised \$200,000+ by networking with companies including NASA, Autodesk, and Nissan. Due to the leadership and communicative skills I demonstrated I also became Student Representative (May 2022 - May 2023) and Team President (August 2023 - present).

As a councilman I would love to build off of last year’s capstone project, using Instagram as a medium to engage youth in local government, and make regular posts of work we do as a council. My experiences as an intern at the Novi Chamber of Commerce (June 2023 - August 2023) equipped me with skills to create compelling social media content through Canva. I would love to use these skills to sustain the account continuously. As a part of our capstone project, I would like to run a speaker series with industry professionals to increase students’ knowledge of

Kaushik Baskar

8/1/2023

career paths. To conclude as a member of the Novi Youth Council, I believe that I can work to perfect the city from a youth's perspective just like how I strive to perfect my Starbucks orders.

Novi Youth Council Letter of Recommendation

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am honored to have the privilege to provide a letter of support for Kaushik Baskar.

Our paths first crossed in Novi High School's FIRST Robotics program two years ago. I have been a mentor for the FIRST Robotics program for over eleven years. Kaushik joined the Frog Force team's sponsorship group, as well as other important roles within the team such as the outreach group and a scouter, as a Freshman. Kaushik was a strong contributor to our group, offering help and support as we worked on presentations, sponsorship packages, and site visits with our sponsors. He also demonstrated his skill at crafting responses to the numerous grants and sponsorship impact responses the team had to complete.

Later that year, our Student Lead had to step away from her duties due to other responsibilities. Kaushik was a natural pick to continue her role for the season as he had guided the sponsorship group with effective planning and management during her absence. It was refreshing to see a student who had already honed his skills in project, staff, and time management. In conversation with other adult mentors, they, too, were impressed with his attention to detail, ability to lead and generate a cohesive group for projects, and his ability to manage all the tasks at hand.

Kaushik sailed through his recent panel interviews with student and adult mentors for the Sponsorship Group Lead position. His interview consisted of achievable goals and training, a reflection of the areas where the group, under his leadership, excelled, and areas where the group could improve. It was all done in a positive light and accurately accounted for.

This past competition season needed us to reach our new fundraising goal of \$100,000. Kaushik was critical in our pursuit. He helped with fundraising efforts, located more grants for us to apply to, and kept the Sponsorship Group on task and on time for grant submissions and sponsorship solicitations. We reached our goal with his efforts.

The Robotics Team President role recently opened due to that person moving out of the school district. It was a natural pick amongst the student and adult mentors to have Kaushik move into that role this year. He has led the team in all aspects, expertly.

I was also in the position to bring Kaushik on board for the Novi Chamber of Commerce as a Summer Intern. He balanced his tasks, prioritized his projects, and always asked questions when needed for clarification.

Time and again I see the skills Kaushik continues to develop during his time with Frog Force and the Novi Chamber of Commerce. He is a respectful young gentleman, with a goal to achieve major milestones and continues to put the projects and tasks in his path to help him reach his aspirations.

I am proud to see Kaushik's success thus far and know his story is a long way from being finished. I can't wait to see what the future holds for this young man.

If you have any questions or wish to speak to me about Kaushik's performance, please contact me at 248-320-7599.

Thank you,

Janet Bloom

Frog Force 503 Adult Mentor - Sponsorship Relations

cell 248-320-7599

Morris, Melissa

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Current Grade*	10
Graduating Year*	26
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	2
Order of preference number	3
Mentor Name*	school
Mentor Phone*	school
Mentor School*	school
Mentor Email*	school
Activity	SSLI - 6-12 hours monthly
Signature/Date	Hima Bindu Bhata
Signature/Date	8/22/23
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I believe I would fit in well with the Novi Youth Council since I appreciate Novi. I put in a lot of effort and am capable of working alone or in a group. I can't wait to work hard to improve Novi by being a member of the Youth Council.

Our city's police and fire departments are amazing, and I want to establish stronger relationships with them. As a member of the Youth Council, I'm looking forward to working directly with them. Together, we can improve the peace and security of our neighborhood.

My goal is to encourage teamwork and innovative ideas. I want to ensure that our city's youth are involved in creating Novi's future. My dedication to making things better, along with my excitement about working with the Youth Council and making friends in our community, means I can really make a good difference.

A couple ideas I have in mind is starting a mental health program, aimed at kids who go under stress and pressure and seek help to overcome their issues. Setting up a volunteer service for students to come to parks, and clean them up for them to earn volunteer hours. As well as setting up events dedicated to different cultures to allow the residents of Novi to understand the meaning and importance of diversity.

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September 5, 2023

To the Novi Youth Council -

**Tollgate Farm and
Education Center
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University Extension**
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I am writing to recommend Shashank Cheedella for the Novi Youth Council. Shashank participates in the 4-H Stewards Sustainability Leadership Institute at MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center. The SSLI initiative is an educating for sustainability initiative as teens positively impact the environment through sustainability capstone projects. The program provides a space for a strong network of youth to grow in skills and depth of understanding about furthering a more sustainable future.

Shashank's capstone project is a school recycling project where he is working with the recycling club coordinator to install recycling bins in the school lunch room. During SSLI leadership meetings, Shashank shares ideas on how to get people to join SSLI and how to improve SSLI for the future.

Shashank has been a strong contributing member to the SSLI stewards as teens from metro Detroit high schools design and implement solutions to challenges facing the environment.

I recommend Shashank Cheedella for the Novi Youth Council.

Sincerely,

Ellen Koehler

Ellen Koehler
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Morris, Melissa

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School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	11
Graduating Year*	2025
Novi Youth Council	3
Novi Library Board	1
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services	2
Mentor Name*	Brian O'Leary
Mentor Phone*	N/A
Mentor School*	Novi High School
Mentor Email*	brian.oleary@novik12.org
Activity	Ski Team: Late November-February, Mon-Thurs, 4-6 Softball Team: March-June, Mon-Fri, 3-5 with some later nights for games Spanish Club: meet once a month, Mon 3-4 Interact Club: meet once a month, Tues 3-4 Teen Advisory Board: meet once a month, Fri 3:30-4:30
Signature/Date	Duane DeMore 8/25
Signature/Date	Jenny DeMore 8/25
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I am eagerly submitting my name and application to be considered for a position as a student representative on the Novi Youth Council. Although I am happy to serve in any capacity, I am especially interested in supporting the Library Board or the Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services Commission.

I have lived in Novi for ten years and I am an incoming junior at Novi High School. I am an active participant in a variety of school activities. I am a member of the varsity ski and softball teams and I am a member of the Interact Club, Spanish Club, and National Honors Society. I am driven, hardworking, and organized. I have excellent time management which allows me to be efficient and productive.

I am an avid reader and proud member of Novi's Teen Advisory Board. Our goal is to improve the library to make it a more resourceful and welcoming environment to encourage more patrons to visit. As a member of the Library board, I can continue to advocate for developments in order to reach the youth audience and improve attendance at the library.

Additionally, I am interested in the Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services Commission. I have participated in Novi Youth Sports for years. I've played soccer, basketball, and softball. I have always been an active citizen in our city. I look forward to improving programs for our community members to participate in. I enjoy helping our community by volunteering to help with packing food, books, donation drives, and senior citizen outreach.

I look forward to representing the Novi Youth Council and continuing my contributions to our growing community!

To the City of Novi Youth Council Selection Committee,
My name is Brian O'Leary and I have been a teacher at Novi High School for the past 30 years. I currently teach Honors Geometry and AP Calculus BC. When Alexandra DeMore was a freshman (she is now going into her junior year) I had her in my Honors Geometry class for the entire school year. I feel I got to know her quite well and I would highly recommend her for one of your City of Novi Youth Council positions.

Honors Geometry can be a very difficult course for many incoming freshmen. Alexandra displayed many characteristics in that course that allowed her to achieve A level work that I believe will also make her a great fit for one of your positions. She is quite intelligent, having gotten A's in all of her classes while taking a rigorous schedule. She always had her daily work done on time. She was a self-advocate in her daily approach, making sure she understood all of the concepts every day. She was able to juggle a busy schedule, she was on the Teen Advisory Board at the Novi Public Library and she was in our softball program at the high school, and it never had an effect on her performance in the classroom. Also, not only is she an excellent individual worker in the classroom, she also has great people skills and works just as well with a partner or in a small group setting.

For these reasons I feel quite strongly that Alexandra DeMore would be a great fit on the Youth Council. If you have any further questions feel free to contact me at brian.oleary@novik12.org, thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Brian O'Leary

Morris, Melissa

From: postmaster@muniweb.com
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School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	11
Graduating Year*	2025
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	2
Order of preference number	3
Mentor Name*	Brian Langley
Mentor Phone*	248-449-1500
Mentor School*	Novi High School
Mentor Email*	Brian.Langley@novik12.org
Activity	Robotics-Tues/Thurs 6:30pm - 2hr Piano- Friday- 4 pm - 1hr Girls who code- Thurs 3:00pm -1hr
Signature/Date	Divya Desai 08/21/23
Signature/Date	Manoj Desai 08/21/23
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The grocery bag shook as I handed the shivering woman her meals for the week. As she reached for the bag, her mouth lit up into a wide grin as she thanked me for the food. At first, I was shocked to see someone so grateful for such a simple gesture. Yet, it warmed my heart that such a small action could bring a smile. Her smile inspired me to continue to impact the lives of others positively. For this reason, I, Divya Desai, seek the opportunity to be a part of the Novi Youth Council and aim to aid the community that has given so much to me.

Not only am I passionate about helping the community, but I also have the qualifications needed to be a productive member. As an active participant in Robotics, I have engaged in over 100 outreaches over the last five years, including STEM education, volunteering at food pantries, and conducting summer camps. Additionally, through meeting with the Novi City Council about improving driver safety and the quality of our drinking water, I have learned how to give effective presentations. Serving as a member of the Youth Council for the last two years, I helped out with the Capstone project by submitting multiple social media posts to highlight the different parts of the city. Through such experiences, I was able to gain effective leadership, teamwork, and communication skills that are valuable for future events and initiatives.

Additionally, as a youth representative, I can bring fresh ideas to the table based on my background. I am passionate about engaging the youth of Novi and would like to get them interested in our city. Overall, my background and dedication to serving the community will make me a good candidate for the Novi City Youth Council.



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August 5, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with genuine enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation for my former student, Divya Desai. I understand Divya is applying to the Novi City Youth Council and I think she would be a great choice.

Divya was an outstanding student in my physics class last year. She demonstrated a depth of knowledge and the ability to apply that knowledge to new situations. She is comfortable with mathematics and can effectively communicate with her peers and adults. She is respectful, unassuming, and kind. I think she possesses all the traits to be a productive member of the Novi City Youth Council.

On top of those commendable traits, Divya is genuinely interested in things. I have no doubt that Divya is considering the Novi City Youth Council for the challenge and leadership opportunities it provides. This seems like a perfect experience to stretch Divya's collaborative capabilities. I think choosing Divya for this role would be a win both for Divya and for the council.

I recommend Divya Desai without reservation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Langley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Langley
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Preferred Phone Number*	2482342214
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School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	10
Graduating Year*	2026
Order of preference number	2
Order of preference number	3
Order of preference number	1
Mentor Name*	Claire Schurig
Mentor Phone*	2484491525
Mentor School*	Novi High school
Mentor Email*	claire.schurig@novik12.org
Activity	Baseball practice and games - 4 hours/week - varies days
Signature/Date	Marla Stern 8/23/23
Signature/Date	Joao Domenico 8/23/23
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My name is Pietro and I want to be on the youth council for the city of novi. I have always thought I do good in leadership positions such as in choir I was the section leader and helped out in many ways in the class. And I noticed that I liked helping I class so I thought that helping the city would also be great and if I could help a class I would like to help a city and do even bigger things. I have also always been really interested in politics and discussions about leadership roles. No community or country can always be perfect but as me who is a brazilian that moved here when I was 5 I could contribute to a place that people feel welcome. I could my different heritage and view to the perspective of the whole community and that's one of the reasons I feel that I would make a difference being on the board. I feel strongly about like sports, as I am an athlete myself and have played many years for the city and I have loved that experience of being welcome to something and I would to keep that by being on the board and getting really involved and "hands on" with the community. And that's some of the reasons why I feel really passionate about being a part of the board and making sure that everyone in the community is included and everyone is involved in this diverse community.

Waiting for Mrs. Schurig to send when school starts



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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing you to recommend Pietro Stern Di Domenico as a potential candidate for the Novi Youth Council. I had Pietro in choir his freshman year and will have Pietro again in class his sophomore year.

His freshman year, Pietro was nominated by his peers to serve as the tenor/bass section leader. As section leader, Pietro was responsible for daily attendance, leading his peers in sectionals, and upon my absence, would lead warm-ups and help run rehearsals. Pietro was elected by his peers because of his outgoing personality, desire to help others, positive energy, and his obvious love of music. He was a positive role model and someone his peers looked up to.

Pietro seeks opportunities to help and work with others, and always does so with a smile on his face. I look forward to watching him grow in our choir program over the next three years, and know he will continue to serve as a leader in the groups he is a part of. I know he would contribute positively to the Novi Youth Council in a similar way.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Claire Schurig
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Preferred Phone Number*	2483787222
Email*	alyna.f.dohadwala@gmail.com
School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	10th
Graduating Year*	2026
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	2
Order of preference number	3
Mentor Name*	James Di Didio
Mentor Phone*	248-449-1500
Mentor School*	Novi High School
Mentor Email*	james.didio@novik12.org
Activity	Robotics: Thursday 6:30pm-8pm, some travel for competitions Docenting at Mill Race: Sunday 1pm-4pm Drivers Ed: TBD HOSA: November-June Flexible, some travel for competitions
Signature/Date	Alyna Dohadwala
Signature/Date	7/17/2023
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The "Why" of my application.

In Novi, we have a strong community built on trust. I want to join Novi Youth Council to return that trust.

When I was in sixth grade, I got a 103° fever. It was probably one of the top ten worst feelings of my life. But I was an obnoxiously stubborn child. So I hopped on the bus and went to school. Spoiler alert! That did not go well.

I walked into school, and my friend immediately noticed that something was off. She immediately went to the teacher and informed him of this. My teacher was immediately concerned. He took me all the way down to the nurse's office. The nurse checked my temperature and called my mom. While I waited, she talked to me about school and friends and distracted me from how sick I was feeling. When my mom came, she immediately jumped into action. She got me Gatorade and a cold cloth, and let me sleep. These were people that I had placed my trust in, and they did not take that lightly.

This is a great story and all, but why does it inspire me to join Novi Youth Council? Well, it comes back to trust. I trusted these members of the community, and they did not turn a blind eye. When we trust the people in our community, they help us become stronger. I have placed my trust in many members of this community, and I have grown because of it. Now, I want to return the favor. I want to join Novi Youth Council because I want to strengthen trust, thus strengthening our community. I owe it to all the Wildcats that made me who I am today.

-Alyna Dohadwala

Letter of Recommendation:

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July 13, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to support Alyna Dohadwala by recommending her for appointment as a student representative to the Novi Youth Council Advisory Board or Commission. I believe Alyna is a unique individual on both an intellectual and interpersonal level and is an excellent match for the type of student the City of Novi Youth Council, Boards and Commissions is seeking.

Intellectually speaking, Alyna is among the best students that I have had the pleasure to teach. Last school year, she earned one of the highest grades in all my physics sections. She routinely demonstrated this ability on the numerous problems assigned to her through homework and assessments. Alyna also demonstrated the work-ethic and drive that I believe is necessary for an individual to excel. Alyna never missed an assignment and always came to class ready and willing to learn.

On an interpersonal side, Alyna is one of the most well-rounded and pleasant young adults I have had the opportunity to interact with. She is very confident in herself, but not to the point of coming off as pretentious or overly confident. In the classroom, Alyna is a well-liked and gregarious student. In addition, she is quite even tempered and not easily frustrated by even the most difficult problems. She never loses her poise.

I am certain that Alyna Dohadwala is the type of student that the City of Novi is looking for and therefore unreservedly recommend her. Please feel free to contact me at james.didio@novik12.org if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

James L. Di Dio

Physics Teacher

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From: postmaster@muniweb.com
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 10:03 PM
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Nickname, if preferred:	Raghav
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Preferred Phone Number*	2489863060
Email*	novgadamr28@stu.novik12.org
School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	10th grade
Graduating Year*	2026
Novi Youth Council	1
Novi Library Board	3
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services	2
Mentor Name*	Stephen Kim
Mentor Phone*	248-449-1500
Mentor School*	Novi High School
Mentor Email*	stephen.kim@novik12.org
Activity	Novi HS Interact Club- Mon 2:30pm - 1hr DECA- Thurs 5pm - 2hr Novi Woods/Student Teacher Volunteering - Fri 3pm -1.5 hours Friendship Circle Volunteer- Sun 4pm - 2hr
Signature/Date	Suvarna Gadam / 08/24/2023
Signature/Date	Raghav Gadam / 08/24/2023
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Raghav Gadam Youth Council Application

As a young community member, passionate about civic engagement and positive transformation, becoming a Novi student representative would enable me to make a meaningful contribution to my community. Not only will I improve upon skills like public speaking, critical thinking, and leadership, but will provide firsthand experiences in collaborating with others to address complex issues that benefit my peers, families, and seniors.

I hope to share additional insights into youth culture that represent the interests and concerns of young people. For years, vaping and drug addiction has drastically increased among teens, posing a threat to our community's well-being. Through Novi Youth Council, I hope to combat this issue by insisting on support systems that provide assistance to those in need. Promoting helplines can ensure teenagers have a confidential avenue to seek support and access recovery / addiction information. Additionally, fostering open discussions about mental health and offering strategies for healthy coping can create a supportive environment. Being a student representative will allow me to voice my perspective in providing a more safer and informed community that empowers its youth to make healthier choices and support families.

I hope to also instill improvement in representation. Senior citizens can be overlooked when it comes to addressing community issues. By engaging and advocating for seniors, we can bridge the generation gap, promote intergenerational understanding, and ensure the needs / concerns of seniors are heard and addressed. As a potential student representative, I aim to advocate for seniors to contribute their input on community matters, ensuring their viewpoints are considered when planning initiatives.

If given the opportunity to serve as a student representative for Novi, it would enable me to turn my goals into realities. By addressing issues like youth concerns and enhancing representation for seniors, I hope to contribute to a more connected community.

Raghav Gadam Letter of Recommendation

Hello,

My Letter of Recommendation was written by Stephen Kim (stephen.kim@novik12.org) and was sent to Melissa Morris, the Deputy City Clerk (mmorris@cityofnovi.org), on August 21st.

Thank You,
Raghav Gadam



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August 20, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Raghav Gadam, who was an exceptional student in my chemistry class at Novi High School. I am pleased to support Raghav on his application for student membership on the Novi City Youth Council.

In my class, Raghav consistently demonstrated his dedication towards learning, a valuable work ethic, and a passion for collaborating with his peers. Throughout the course, he exhibited a strong understanding of chemistry concepts and had great enthusiasm for the lessons each and every day. One of the most impressive qualities that Raghav possesses is his outstanding ability to collaborate effectively with his peers. He engaged in group discussions, provided thoughtful insights, and worked diligently to foster a positive and inclusive learning environment. Raghav was not only respected by his classmates but also actively contributed to the collective success of the class.

Beyond academics, Raghav exhibits outstanding leadership skills. He was quick to step up when a volunteer was needed and was always willing to demonstrate to others what his mental process was when approaching challenging tasks. I truly believe that he will be a perfect fit for Novi's City Youth Council because he is always willing to listen, as well as share his thoughts and ideas. Furthermore, his intentions are always for the betterment of the group rather than himself.

I have every confidence that Raghav will contribute positively to the council's goals. I am certain that he will bring the same level of dedication and commitment to the council that he displayed in my chemistry class. I am very pleased to recommend Raghav for a position on the Novi City Youth Council without reservation. If you have any further questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Kim
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Preferred Phone Number*	5863068151
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School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	11
Graduating Year*	2025
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	3
Order of preference number	2
Mentor Name*	Christopher White
Mentor Phone*	Not sure
Mentor School*	Novi High School
Mentor Email*	Chris.white@novik12.org
Activity	Swim- Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri - 4pm - 2.5 hrs Swim- Sat - 8am - 2.5 hrs
Signature/Date	Vansh Ghadge 8/21
Signature/Date	Vaishali Pawar 8/21
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Hello, I'm Vansh Ghadge. I'm a junior at Novi High School and would like to apply for the Youth Council. Honestly I really just want to offer my opinion and would like to be involved with the city, and make it better if possible. I would like to help out as much as I can. I really enjoy representing my city and I would also like to represent my peers in the form of youth council. Since I know what my friends and the other students in my school think about the city, I believe that I will be a valuable asset in determining what changes need to be made and why they do. That being said, I would also really like to learn more about the city, in terms of police, fire, and the other services. Actually, a couple years ago I did the Novi youth police and fire program, and I learned a lot from it. In addition to that, I would really like to learn how the council side of things operates as well, as I have wanted to voice my opinions but have never really known exactly how to. All in all, I think that I would be a good addition to the council because I can represent my fellow students, offer my opinion, and I'm eager to learn more about the city and it's services. Thank you.



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September 8, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I have served as Vansh Ghadge's Advisory teacher for the duration of his enrollment at Novi High School, in Novi, Michigan. Over the last two years, I have gotten to know Vansh and watched him develop and mature as a young person. While Vansh can be quiet and soft spoken, he has always been honest and kind to others. Although I'm not entirely sure what civic passions have driven Vansh to apply for the Novi Youth Council, I believe he would take his potential participation in the council seriously and uphold his responsibilities with fidelity.

If you have any further questions regarding Vansh, do not hesitate to reach me at:

Email: christopher.white@novik12.org

Phone: 734-780-6943

Best Regards,

Christopher White – Social Studies Teacher – Novi High School

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Preferred Phone Number*	947-600-1446
Email*	spoorthigujja28@gmail.com
School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	10th grade
Graduating Year*	2026
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	2
Order of preference number	3
Mentor Name*	Bill O'Donnel
Mentor Phone*	248-880-1212
Mentor School*	Novi High School
Mentor Email*	willam.odonnel@novik12.org
Activity	All activities start in fall 2023 DECA- day tbd,time tbd-2hrs Novi Dem club volunteering- wed, 4-6pm-2hrs Tutoring-sat-11-12 pm-1hr
Signature/Date	Sumana Gujja - 07/11/23
Signature/Date	Kiran Gujja-07/11/23
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Spoorthi Gujja

10 July 2023

Novi Youth Council

I am excited to communicate my interest in joining the Novi Youth Council as a student advisory board member. Contributing to the success of my community is something that is a profound interest of mine, and I believe I am an ideal candidate due to my passion for my town and diverse skills

Firstly, I am driven by a genuine desire to help shape our city into a better place. As a long-term resident, I have witnessed both the potential and issues our town faces. Joining this program would allow me to help our city conscientiously and fundamentally.

Moreover, my academic achievements have equipped me with valuable skills to contribute to the Novi Youth Council. Maintaining a 4.0 GPA while taking rigorous classes at our competitive high school has developed my time management, productivity, and problem-solving abilities. Additionally, I excelled in Honors Geometry, ranking in the 70th percentile, and my teachers commend my outstanding social skills, deep care for others, creativity, and motivation.

I have recently taken a strong interest in what the council has done for our community. After doing my research about this program, here are a few that strike an interest in me and I would like to be a part of: supporting clubs at our highschool, hosting events like proms for the elderly and promoting what our city has to offer.

Being given the opportunity to be part of this impactful program would be greatly appreciated. I assure you that I am dedicated to giving my utmost effort, going above and beyond, in order to serve our town effectively.

**It wont let me upload two files with my application so below I
have attached my letter of recommendation**



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Novi Youth Council,

June 1, 2023

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Srispoorthi Gujja, currently a freshman (9th grade) at Novi High School. She is a student in my Honors Geometry class. I feel especially qualified to speak about her strengths in math and depth of her character, values, maturity and intelligence.

Honors Geometry is a challenging course with a focus on formal proof and rigorous problem solving. If you look beyond the obvious, you will see how hard Spoorthi concentrates in order to look like she never struggles. Her approach is to combine a strong intellect with a willingness to work. She learns from her mistakes and logically connects prior knowledge to new learning. Not only can she apply various formulas, theorems and concepts at various times to efficiently perform at a high level, but she has a deep level of understanding that allows her to adapt and create new strategies for unique situations. Her grade in Honors Geometry is an "A-".

Spoorthi has the respect of both her peers and teachers. In our conversations, she has always come across as kind and thoughtful. She has the ability to relate and interact with people of different personalities and backgrounds. She is quick to help struggling classmates with patience and friendliness. Other students seek her out because of her ability to communicate ideas, theories, and abstract concepts.

Spoorthi's academic success is a small part of her success at Novi. She has had a long time passion for Dance with its inherent physical and mental health benefits. She is also discovering a newfound interest for DECA as a stepping stone to developing leadership and entrepreneurial skills.

Spoorthi has clear goals and ambitions and understands the importance and relevance of doing things today to prepare for her future. That includes seeking out opportunities to explore her career interests. There is no question in my mind that she will be an invaluable and contributing member of any school or organization.

Sincerely,

Bill O'Donnel
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Morris, Melissa

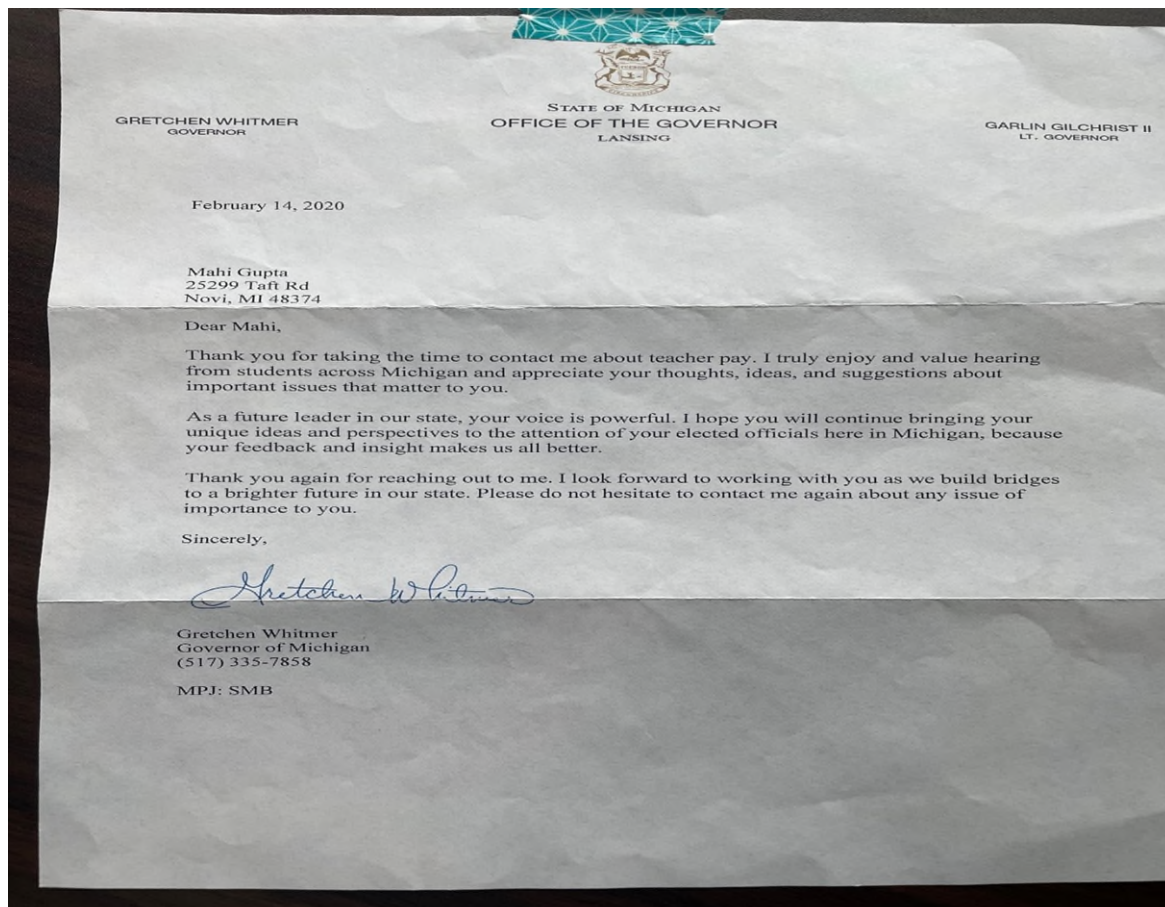
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Current Grade*	10th
Graduating Year*	2026
Order of preference number	1
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Order of preference number	3
Mentor Name*	Dominic Lis
Mentor Phone*	(248) 449-1500
Mentor School*	Novi Highschool
Mentor Email*	dominic.lis0027@gmail.com
Activity	Robotics-Thurs 6:30pm- 30 min
Signature/Date	Mahi Gupta 8/20/2023
Signature/Date	Vinit Gupta 8/20/2023
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I started to volunteer when I was ten years old. I volunteered at St. Catherine Soup Kitchen, Detroit. Seeing the impact of hunger on youth at the soup kitchen made me want to volunteer more and serve our community. The following year I took my First Lego League (FLL) robotics team to volunteer, and currently I am organizing this event for Novi HS Robotics team. I have been on Novi HS Robotics team for 2 years. Last year I collaborated with my group and mentors to organize a big event for our sponsors. None of it could have been done alone and showed me that teamwork is the most important aspect of leadership. Throughout the years I have been doing volunteer work. I have managed booths at numerous Novi school events. I have been volunteering at Novi Public library for 2 years. Recently, I volunteered for Tuesday Tunes program at Library. I helped set up and manage the kid's activity section and kept kids engaged in various games. The bond that I built over just 3 Tuesdays showed me why I had such a strong passion to help youth. I am also very enthusiastic about the causes for the community. Few years ago, I wrote to Governor Whitmer to advocate better pay for teachers. as teachers develop the youth. Governor responded to and encouraged me to continue bringing unique ideas to elected officials. I have the passion and necessary skills to recommend ideas about needs of youth to city council. Being in city youth council, library board or Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission will allow me to work in new teams and use my strengths of teamwork, leadership and persuasion to engage youth and seniors in city activities and help develop programs for all ages.

Gov. Whitmer Letter





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June 29th, 2023

Dear Selection Committee:

I have had the privilege of working with Mahi Gupta in my Biology class. Having known Mahi for her freshman year, I have found her to be a motivated, mature, and critical thinking student. Mahi is a student that contributes to our class daily and has positive interactions with peers of multiple different backgrounds and past experiences. Mahi holds herself to high academic standards while helping those around her achieve great things as well.

Mahi's academic abilities are very impressive, but even more impressive is her ability to advocate for herself and help those around her. Our class was based on group activities and sharing of ideas. When these activities arose, Mahi consistently took leadership responsibilities and worked very well with her group, whether it was a group of friends she was working with, or a random group of students. Mahi's positive attitude and strong scientific abilities made her a valuable member of her group. Her production would speak for that. A specific example is when our students carried out an investigation around mealworms that required equipment use, data collection, and ethical treatment of the animals. Mahi led her group to a successful experience and after groups presented their data, she was able to think about potential sources of error within the experiment. Mahi would also strive to understand the content we were learning at a deeper level. While she would ask questions in class, it was more impressive when Mahi would schedule appointments with me to go over past assessments. Mahi would utilize metacognitive practices to look at her answers, right or wrong, and understand the content more thoroughly for the next possible time she can use the information. Mahi would consistently prove that she is mature, positive, and an excellent critical thinker.

Mahi is an outstanding member in our community. She is constantly setting and achieving high expectations for herself. Her hard work and critical thinking are inspiring to those around her. I have no doubt that Mahi will be successful in any path she chooses. She is a caring, determined, and positive individual. It is with pleasure that I recommend Mahi Gupta for a position with the Novi Youth Council. She will be an asset to your organization and an advocate for all students in the Novi community.

Sincerely,

Dominic Lis

Dominic Lis
Science Instructor
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Dominic.Lis@novik12.org

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Preferred Phone Number*	2484829974
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School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	11th
Graduating Year*	2025
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	3
Order of preference number	2
Mentor Name*	Colleen Smith
Mentor Phone*	2484491212
Mentor School*	Novi High School
Mentor Email*	colleen.smith@novik12.org
Activity	(Weekly) Recycling Club - Wed 2:50pm - 1hr, Korean School Club - Fri 4pm - 1hr, Korean School - Sat - Saturday 10:00am - 3hr, Korean School, Total 5hr (Seasonally, Monthly) Tennis - August - October, 3:00 pm - 2hr, Interact Club - 2:50 - 1~2hr, Spanish Club - 2:50 - 1hr, NHS - 7:30 am - 30 min (Other activities) HOSA, DECA
Signature/Date	Okjin Park/6/25/2023
Signature/Date	Jongsoo Kim/6/25/2023
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To serve on the Novi Youth City Council is a great honor and a responsibility that I plan to sincerely embrace. The council is an opportunity for the chance to provide, self-improve, educate, and more. Furthermore, in this essay, I outline my aspirations and desires that motivate me to join this group.

Firstly, the Novi Youth City Council is a chance to be an active voice for my generation. As a youth member of society, I feel I have a moral obligation to make a positive impact on this community through insightful input. Furthermore, serving as an active member of this local administration is an opportunity to address and advocate for concerns within this generation.

Moreover, I believe that this generation needs passion and eagerness to achieve our goals. By being part of this council I will be able to actively engage in local activities and events, enabling me to have a deeper understanding of how the Novi Youth City Council and organizations operate. Additionally, I will encourage my fellow peers to participate in these civic affairs, helping to shape our communities future with engaged citizens.

Thirdly, being a participant in the Novi Youth City Council serves as a platform to foster and develop teamwork and leadership skills. The experience of engaging in insightful discussions, communicating, and solving societal challenges provides me with the necessities to succeed in the Council and future ventures.

To conclude, my desire to serve on this Novi Youth City Council is driven by a genuine passion for providing a voice for this generation, promoting civic engagement, fostering personal growth, and commitment towards community service. I look forward to potential involvement in the Novi Youth City Council and collaboration toward a bigger, brighter future.



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June 7, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I highly recommend Chanyoung Kim for acceptance in the Novi Youth Council. I met Chanyoung in January of this year as he is a student in my Advanced Placement Macroeconomics class. I have found Chanyoung to be a young man of great character with a passion for scholastic achievement. Further, he is thoughtful, kind and respectful toward his peers and teachers. He is often one of the first to volunteer when needed and is often helpful to his classmates. Chanyoung is a very accomplished student at Novi High School.

Chanyoung has demonstrated that he is dedicated to achieving at a high level. He adheres to a high code of ethical conduct and academic integrity. He is a clear leader in my classroom activities but is self-aware enough to ask for guidance when needed. Chanyoung has strong communication and organizational skills, great assets for students on the youth council. He has been able to clearly communicate expectations and responsibilities to other students he has worked with. Chanyoung holds himself to a high standard and demonstrates the diligence and discipline to work harder when he finds something to be challenging. This self-discipline carries over into all of his classes and other activities, both at the high school and in the community. Chanyoung has consistently enrolled in advanced placement and honors courses, and successfully managed these courses as well as his extracurricular activities. He is currently a co-president of the school's recycling club, a member of the interact club, spanish club, HOSA and JV tennis team. Chanyoung also volunteers in the community through the Korean school and Chingu club. It is clear that Chanyoung sets high goals for himself and is persistent in his endeavors to achieve those goals.

I offer my highest recommendation for Chanyoung Kim in his application to the Novi Youth Council. You would be very hard pressed to find a better candidate as he is truly an exceptional young man who is civic minded, passionate and diligent. Please feel free to contact me at (248)449-1212, ext. 9253 if I can be of any further assistance.

Respectfully,

Colleen Smith

Novi High School faculty

colleen.smith@novik12.org

Morris, Melissa

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School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	9
Graduating Year*	2027
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	2
Order of preference number	3
Mentor Name*	George Bronson
Mentor Phone*	248-449-1500
Mentor School*	Novi Middle School
Mentor Email*	george.bronson@novik12.org
Activity	Recycling Club - Wed 2:45 pm - 30 minutes Clarinet Lesson - Fri (Time TBD) - 1 hour Volunteering - Sunday 2 pm - 2 hours Japanese Club - Tuesday 2: 50 pm - 1~1.5 hours (All activities are 1/week)
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Novi Youth Council

Throughout my life, I have had the privilege of residing in multiple countries and cities practicing different languages to connect with people, immersing myself in diverse cultures and ways of life, and constantly adapting to the changing environment. Having called various places home, my biggest takeaway remains the importance of cultural inclusion.

As an aspiring global citizen, I feel fortunate to be able to call Novi home because of its valuable advantage as a community: rich cultural diversity. As a developing global citizen, I strongly believe diversity has the potential to foster an ideal community promoting innovation, creativity, personal growth, and expansion of worldview. But we must go further than just celebrating our differences in order to leverage the advantage in the continuously growing Novi.

As a council member, I would like to work with other youths in proposing more shared spaces between residents, initiating engaging community events, and creatively promoting such events around the city for higher participation to reinforce a sense of community for Novi residents of all backgrounds. Having been put in both unfamiliar and diverse settings throughout my movings, I have always found community events to be a valuable tool for not only conveniently meeting many new people at once but also interacting with people outside of my usual interactions. I would like to bring my positive experiences with such community events to Novi to also plant the seeds of global citizenry among Novi residents and youth.

Joining the youth council will allow me to collaborate with other passionate youths to take passion-filled actions at a larger scale, as well as become more involved in the community by understanding the complexities of local government. I believe these benefits would help me to create a more meaningful impact and gift me with invaluable experience and community.

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of recommendation for Eunbin Kwak, who also goes by Della and that's what I have always referred to her as. My name is George Bronson and I work for the Novi School District. I'm a middle school Health, Physical Education, and Computers teacher. I also coach our Cross Country, Wrestling, Basketball, and Track and Field teams. I've had the honor of teaching Della in my 7th grade Computers class as well as coaching her on my Cross Country and Track teams.

In the classroom Della is an outstanding student. She is very goal driven and punctual, there was never a single instance where something wasn't done on time, she consistently turned in her assignments early. For any group work or projects we worked on, Della was an outstanding partner and did her share of the work while helping others. She managed to maintain a 100% in my class throughout the entire marking period. Besides being a wonderful student to teach, she was an outstanding classmate to her peers.

I know Della better in the coaching setting vs school setting as I had her for multiple sports over the course of multiple years. As an athlete she is outstanding and someone who stands out right from the start. Extremely easy to coach, she is able to use criticism and make herself better in many ways. She is also an exceptional teammate. There were so many times I witnessed her picking up her teammates and helping them get better and overcome tough situations. Della was such an outstanding teammate that she won multiple in-season awards on our track team this last year. At our hardest meet of the season she was also able to compete with the best in our area and help our team to an amazing finish against 50+ other schools. She was one of the best leaders I could have asked for on a 350 athlete team.

There really aren't enough good things to say about this outstanding young lady. Della possesses all of the possible qualities that make her an exceptional candidate for the Novi Youth Council. I'm extremely sad to see her leave middle school, but also so very excited to watch her succeed at the high school level as well as life in general. She will do great things for this world, that I have no doubt in.

Morris, Melissa

From: postmaster@muniweb.com
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Email*	piyushmnovi@gmail.com
School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	11th
Graduating Year*	2025
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	2
Order of preference number	3
Mentor Name*	Claire Schurig
Mentor Phone*	231-357-4332
Mentor School*	Novi High School
Mentor Email*	claire.schurig@novik12.org
Activity	Tennis Tue-Friday 8-9 PM Volunteering Sat-Sun 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
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June 23, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Piyush Mande as a candidate for the Novi Youth Council. I have had Piyush in choir for two years so far, and have come to know him as one of the most responsible, respectful, earnest young men I have ever had the pleasure to work with. He is kind, always leading by example, asks for feedback, and is the type of person always wanting to better himself and those around him. He is a true leader and a wonderful person to have around.

Piyush worked his way up through our program very quickly, landing in our most advanced ensemble, Novi Singers, his sophomore year – a rare feat. He did so with his hard work, dedication, and desire to learn and grow. In Novi Singers, Piyush performs collegiate-level music and sight reads at the advanced level. His after school commitments and performances require him to be organized and responsible for his rigorous academic and extra-curricular schedule, which he manages beautifully. Piyush draws others in with his upbeat attitude and work ethic, always leading by example and always giving his best. He balances beautifully all that he commits to, and is incredibly grounded and reliable.

The great thing about Piyush, is that he is incredibly talented, yet he remains positive, humble, and never settles for less than his best. It is his creative ability plus his kindness and dedication that make him such an asset to every group that he is a part of. Piyush is also simply a joy to be around, outgoing and upbeat, and hardworking and focused. Piyush is an asset to our choir program, and would be an asset to the Novi Youth Council as well. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Claire Schurig
Choir Director
Novi High School
claire.schurig@novik12.org

Novi Youth Council Application

Recommendation Letter:↑

Hello, City of Novi,

My name is Piyush Mande and I am applying to be part of the Novi Youth Council. My interest in desiring to serve the City of Novi started when I initially moved to the city back in 2016 when I was still an Elementary student attending Orchard Hills. As a student that moved from India, I was fascinated with the melting pot of culture and aromas everywhere I went. I met and interacted with people of all sorts of backgrounds and personalities that greeted me with joy and passion, something that I had never seen before even in my own country. Some of these people range from teachers and students in my school to police officers and firefighters serving in the City force. Interacting with these wonderful residents made me realize that a city's happiness can be maintained with a good and promising council that not only regulates the city but provides and cares for the community that lives here. That's why I developed an interest in serving this city, my passion and striving to be part of a Council was something that I had only dreamt of until now, an opportunity that can't be wasted. As I started to grow older, from attending Elementary school to High school, I couldn't help but notice the new changes to our community, from building a new roundabout that allows for less traffic and better ease, to building newer roads that help vehicles travel and drive more comfortably. These changes allowed me to see and appreciate the hard work that the council was doing for the community. This city welcomed me with pride and affection, and I hope to return the same favor.

Thank you,
Piyush Mande

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Preferred Phone Number*	2486627079
Email*	samyukthapar@gmail.com
School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	10
Graduating Year*	2025
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	2
Order of preference number	3
Teacher Name*	Stephanie Baker
Teacher Phone*	2484491500
Teacher School*	Novi High School
Teacher Email*	stephanie.baker@novik12.org
	Marching Band: Mon, Wed 530pm-830pm, 6hrs (Only from July-Nov)
	HOSA: Sat 3pm-6pm, 3hrs Hospital
	Volunteer: Tues 4pm-6pm, 2hrs
	Kumon: Thurs 4pm-7pm, 3 hrs
Activity	Samyuktha Parthasarathy / 03/30/2023
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March 22nd, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation for Samyuktha Parthasarathy. I feel quite privileged that she has asked me to write her this letter. Samyuktha has been a student of mine for one year. She represents all that is good in a student today. When she puts her mind to something, she gets it done. This is what sets her apart from others in my class. Samyuktha is a well-respected young woman by her peers, as well as the faculty of Novi High School.

Novi High School is an institution with a long-standing tradition of excellence, hard work, and dedication. Samyuktha takes these traditions to heart and follows through with them. Her academic behavior further demonstrates her desire to be the best version of herself. She is excited to work with anyone in my classroom as she is always kind and encouraging to others. Samyuktha has an endearing personality that always brings a positive and welcoming atmosphere to our class. This trait extends outside the classroom in extracurricular activities as a member of the school's band and marching band. Samyuktha's teamwork skills are highlighted in a team event that competes as a part of the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) program at the school.

In closing, I would like to say that Samyuktha is a pleasure to have in my classroom. I enjoy being her teacher. She is the type of young person that can inspire others to do great things. Her dedication to her passions will take her far in life. I would highly recommend Samyuktha Parthasarathy for admittance into your program. She is a most deserving young woman who will achieve the best that life has to offer.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Baker
French Teacher

Stephanie Baker



I would like to serve as a member of the Novi Youth Council to showcase and further develop leadership within the community. I already help out in the community by volunteering at the hospital but I believe the Youth Council offers many other ways to volunteer and help people in different aspects. The Youth Council gives a chance for students to express themselves and their voices to positively impact the community and I have many ideas and would love to take part in efforts to make our city a better place for not only the youth, but adults and seniors as well. For example, fundraising for public facilities, senior homes, and other charitable causes could help. Over the years, I have witnessed many of the community service projects and events that the Youth Council has hosted and attended some of them myself. I am also interested in government and the way it works and being able to serve the City of Novi by being on the council would allow me to get a hands-on learning experience. I would be able to learn about how policies are being made and ways we can influence them. As someone who will be able to vote in less than 2 years, learning more about the government and working hand in hand with members of the community will allow me to be better informed when making decisions and contribute back positively in my adult years.

Morris, Melissa

From: postmaster@muniweb.com
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Nickname, if preferred:

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Preferred Phone Number* 248-916-2022

Email* rach.raghu17@gmail.com

School* Novi High School

Current Grade* 9

Graduating Year* 2027

Novi Youth Council 1

Novi Library Board 2

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services 3

Mentor Name* Melissa Henderson

Mentor Phone* 734-634-0298

Mentor School* Novi Middle School

Mentor Email* melissa.henderson@novik12.org

Activity Vocal Lessons - Sat 11:30pm - 1hr - Total 3 hr/week. Carnatic Violin Lessons - Wed 9pm - 1hr - Total 3 hr/week. Sai Center of Detroit Metro (Spiritual Organization) - Sun 1:30pm - 4hr - Total 5 hr/week. VT Seva (Volunteer Organization) - Sat 3pm - 1hr - Total 1 hr/week. Bright Mind Tutors (Tutoring Organization)- Sat 10am - 1hr - Total 1 hr/week.

Signature/Date Rachana Raghunathan / 08-24-2023

Signature/Date Ranjani Shankar / 08-24-2023

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August 11, 2023

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you to offer my highest recommendation of Rachana Raghunathan. It was a great pleasure having Rachana as a student the past two years. She is a wonderful student, with all of the qualities that a teacher hopes for, as well as others that one does not always see in a young person. Rachana is hard-working, conscientious, helpful to others, thoughtful, dedicated, respectful, responsible, and focused. It has been a joy learning more about Rachana and her commitments outside of school which show her creativity and passion, as well as an earnest and sincere desire to learn and to help others.

Rachana is a part of VT Seva, a volunteering organization. She has participated in making cards for veterans, assembling envelopes to help the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, collecting towels for rescued dogs, as well as plastic grocery bag donation. She also has tutored as part of BMT Tutoring, where she taught three students on a weekly basis in both ELA and Math. She even went above and beyond, creating content-specific slides to enhance the learning experience for the students she tutored.

Rachana is a student at the Sri Sathya Sai Center of Detroit Metro where she is learning a spiritually-based curriculum, as well as learning to sing and chant hymns. This program encourages students to learn values integral to becoming better as a person. Through this organization, Rachana participates in many volunteering activities such as visiting nursing homes and spending time with the elderly, thanking officers and firefighters, making and serving food for the residents at CASS community, as well as planting trees.

Rachana is a musician, learning Indian Carnatic vocal music for the past 10 years and taking weekly private voice lessons. She has also been a part of the Novi Middle School choir program, and will continue choral singing as she moves on to Novi High School. Rachana's musical ability does not stop at singing: she has been playing Indian violin for the past 6 years, even using her talent to perform at local charity events.

Rachana is an extraordinary young woman, with unlimited potential to do great things. Having Rachana as a member will most certainly enrich the Novi Youth Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Best regards,

Melissa Henderson

Novi Middle School Teacher

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Rachana Raghunathan

Novi High School

9th Grade

Novi Youth Council Essay

I've been singing for the past 9 years of my life. When I started elementary school, I knew that I wanted to be a part of a choir. While it may not seem like it, I believe that being a part of the Novi Youth Council is similar to being part of a choir. The different melodies in a choir are the different opinions being voiced in the council. As a soloist, your goal is to project your voice to an auditorium. Just like as a citizen, your goal is to project your ideas to a growing community. With my desire to be a student representative on the youth council, I hope to join harmony with leadership.

Apart from singing, I am a part of a volunteering organization called VT Seva where I've collected towels for rescue dogs, donated plastic bags, made cards for veterans, etc., to improve the community. In addition to this, I tutor 3 elementary children in English and Math, in the hopes of building the upcoming generations that will lead the future.

I am eager to bring a few qualities of mine to the council such as being dedicated, introducing creative ideas, and being collaborative. With each note I sing, I am reminded of the power of unity that leads to positive change. By being on the council, I would be able to gain experience in getting involved in the community, building more relationships, as well as helping make the city of Novi a better place.

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Current Grade*	11th
Graduating Year*	2025
Novi Youth Council	1
Novi Library Board	3
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services	2
Mentor Name*	Chennakesavulu Kakarla
Mentor Phone*	858-531-3569
Mentor School*	Novi Robotics
Mentor Email*	Kchennakesavulu@gmail.com
Activity	Tennis - 8hrs / week (Aug - Sep only) Robotics - 6 hrs / week (Jan - May) School Clubs - 5 hrs / week Volunteering - 2 hrs / week
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I'm a motivated junior at Novi High School and an active community member, eager to join the Novi City Youth Council. Growing up in Novi has exposed me to its excellent schools, diverse friendships, and a secure environment. Novi's enriching education, recreational facilities, and inclusivity have shaped me. As a straight-A student, I also take college courses at Schoolcraft College. I interned at E-Noble, aiding foster care solutions. I play for School team in Tennis and robotics it has been my passions since kindergarten, I engage in multiple school clubs like Recycling, AI, Science Olympiad, DECA, HOSA, and more. I have served the community by tutoring kids in math, Robotics mentoring, Java Programming and Personal Finance. I actively volunteer for "Acing Autism" by engaging autistic kids in tennis. My dedication to service earned me the President's Gold medal.

I aspire to learn about the intricacies of local government, as media is focused on National and State Govt. Local aspects like police, education, and parks impact our everyday life. My interest is to learn business functions of departments like Public Safety, Treasury, and Community Relations and aim to apply technology for improvement. Understanding people's challenges and improving their lives intrigues me. I connect well with people and wish to amplify voices through the Youth Council, focusing on balancing growth and the environment. Socializing government functions among kids through platforms like Reels, Insta, and Twitter also captivates me.

My enthusiasm, innovative ideas, and problem-solving skills are assets I bring to address Novi's challenges. Collaboration, critical thinking, and leadership, developed through various clubs, will drive productive discussions and holistic recommendations within the Council. Serving on the Novi City Council would be an honor, and I eagerly await your response.

From

08/22/2023

Chennakesavulu Kakarla
24561 Cavendish Ave E
Novi, MI-48375.

Subject: **Recommendation for Ishaan Sid**

Dear Selection Committee,

It is my pleasure to endorse **Ishaan Sid** for a position on the Novi City Youth Council. I have known Ishaan since Elementary school and have had the privilege of working closely with him for 7 years, I can confidently attest to his exceptional academics, great character, integrity and a commitment to serve the community.

I coached Ishaan and his friends as a Robotics Team Mentor. Ishaan demonstrated excellent comprehension of complex issues and good understanding of the issues that impact our city and a genuine passion for addressing them. He is a great team player and very easy to work with as he demonstrates compassion and kindness for people. He can communicate well and brings great ideas to the table; he is active and passionate about solving problems at hand. I think he is very inclusive, entertains diverse views and never hesitates to speak up, as he is very aware of challenges different people may face.

I had the pleasure to work with Ishaan during many community outreach events one of them was encouraging residents to recycle. Ishaan demonstrated great understanding of the issue and how it impacts our community and climate as he came up with simple ways to create awareness of this global topic among Novi Residents. I know he has tutored many kids in Math at North South Foundation and Java at Novi High school who are aspiring to be in STEM, as his way of giving back and common good.

In Conclusion I wholeheartedly recommend Ishaan Sid for a position on the Novi City Youth Council. I'm confident he will bring a fresh viewpoint to improve the community, and will bring great commitment, energy, and forward-thinking to his work on the youth council. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions or require additional information about Ishaan Thank you for considering my recommendation.

Very Sincerely,



Chennakesavulu Kakarla
(Novi Resident, Ph: 858-531-3569)

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Email*	vishal.swamy75@gmail.com
School*	Novi High School
Current Grade*	10
Graduating Year*	2025
Order of preference number	1
Order of preference number	2
Order of preference number	3
Mentor Name*	Ellen Koehler
Mentor Phone*	248-701-9956
Mentor School*	Michigan State University Extension
Mentor Email*	koehle43@msu.edu
Activity	Debate Club - Thurs 3pm - 1hr Forensics Club - Tues 3pm - 1hr Novi Youth Council - Mon 4pm - 1hr
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August 15, 2023

To the Novi Youth Council -

**Tollgate Farm and
Education Center**
**Michigan State
University Extension**
28115 Meadowbrook
Novi, MI
48377-3128
248/347-0269 ext 227

I am writing to recommend Vishal Swamy for the Novi Youth Council. Vishal serves on the steering committee of the 4-H Stewards Sustainability Leadership Institute at MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center. The SSLI initiative is an educating for sustainability initiative as teens positively impact the environment through sustainability capstone projects. The program provides a space for a strong network of youth to grow in skills and depth of understanding about furthering a more sustainable future.

Vishal's leadership in SSLI has been invaluable. He has helped to foster youth partnerships so that SSLI stewards from metro Detroit high schools can design and implement solutions to challenges facing the environment.

Vishal has worked to develop a shared leadership model as youth in the club take on leadership roles, mentor peers, and helped clubmates to explore career paths. Vishal helps by leading the group through collective decision making and project management by presiding over meetings and encouraging groups of youth as they work through their capstone projects.

I heartily recommend Vishal Swamy for the Novi Youth Council.

Sincerely,

Ellen Koehler

Ellen Koehler
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Vishal Swamy | Rising Junior (2024) | Youth Council Reapplication

Coming from a small town to Novi two years ago, I came to understand how many captivating opportunities and the breathtaking diversity that this amazing city has to offer. As I explored the various parks, schools, and facilities, I learned how Novi tirelessly works for its people and all the various opportunities it has to offer. This sparked a substantial passion to help one of the greatest cities in Detroit become greater. My past year on the council has been extremely impactful in helping me truly understand how the city operates.

I have shown commitment to the council by holding perfect attendance throughout my term and providing my feedback on every decision. Along with this, I initiated multiple environmental posts and created a potential plan for a social media campaign for next year. This year, due to various conflicting commitments from other members, we were not able to achieve our goal of presenting to city council. Over the next term, I have many ideas to make sure we follow the mission and vision of our council. Some of these ideas include forming committees with 3-4 council members to achieve specific tasks, hosting meetings 2-3 times a month to stay connected, and creating a clear attendance plan for members. Reappointing me to the Novi Youth Council will allow the council to achieve its goals, impact the community, and have an experienced member with leadership experience.

I've had the honor to serve the Novi community in various leadership roles. As Shooting Stars Foundation National Vice President, I helped the organization raise over \$498,000 in 2021, founded the Michigan chapter, established the SSF Chess Academy, hosted 4+ entrepreneurship/medical/sustainability camps, and recently led an ALL Girls 3-Week Tech Immersion Program. On top of hosting unique STEM programs for youth across the nation, I assist the organization with providing students in underprivileged countries access to education. This experience will help me professionally lead the council this year efficiently and effectively! In the end, I want to instill a sense of Novi

pride in our community and my ultimate goal is to create the best experience at Novi for each and every student.