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Thank you for your interest

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Are you a registered voter in the City of Novi?

Yes

How long have you lived continuously in the City of Novi?

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Employed by:

Self-Employed

Educational Background:

University Of Michigan Graduate 2021 Bachelor of Arts Degree; Concentrations in Psychology, Marketing, Leadership and Organization

Please describe your professional qualifications, skills and/or work experience, and how you would use these to benefit the community.

Professional Qualifications and Skills: Kace Mobile Notary: As the owner of Kace Mobile Notary, I have developed strong entrepreneurial skills, demonstrating the ability to manage and grow a business successfully. My experience in notary services has honed my attention to detail, organizational capabilities, and commitment to serving the community with integrity. Commissioner for Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services: Serving as a commissioner has equipped me with a deep understanding of the community's needs and the importance of recreational and cultural services. I have actively participated in decision-making processes, contributing to the improvement and development of programs that enhance the quality of life for Novi residents. Sales Manager at Value City Furniture: My previous role as a Sales Manager at Value City Furniture has provided me with valuable leadership, communication, and negotiation skills. I have successfully managed sales teams and engaged with diverse groups of customers, fostering positive relationships and delivering excellent service. Community Impact: I am dedicated to utilizing my skills and experience to benefit the Novi community in the following ways: Economic Growth: Drawing from my entrepreneurial

background, I will advocate for policies that support local businesses, encourage economic growth, and create job opportunities within Novi. Community Engagement: As a commissioner for Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services, I am committed to promoting community engagement. I will work towards expanding and improving recreational programs and cultural events that cater to the diverse interests of Novi residents. Transparent Leadership: My experience as a Sales Manager has instilled in me the importance of transparent communication and collaboration. I will strive to maintain an open dialogue with residents, ensuring their concerns are heard and addressed. Sustainable Development: With a focus on long-term sustainability, I aim to support initiatives that enhance environmental consciousness, making Novi a greener and more resilient community. In conclusion, my diverse professional background, coupled with my experience as a commissioner and business owner, positions me as a candidate capable of contributing meaningfully to the Novi City Council. I am eager to bring my skills to the table and collaborate with fellow council members to create a positive and thriving future for Novi. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to the continued success of our community.

Please list any City Board or Commission, or community group(s) you are currently or have previously been active. Describe your role and how your involvement contributed to the community.

I currently serve as the Vice Chair on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services committee, and serve on Older Adult Services Advisory Board. In this capacity, I actively contribute to the enhancement of community parks and advocate for the development of services catering to older adults. My involvement includes efforts to establish a dedicated community center for older adults, where I have provided valuable input. Additionally, I play a role in the Grants Committee, where I am engaged in evaluating and supporting grant applications for community initiatives. In the past, I have been actively involved on the Walkable Novi committee, demonstrating my commitment to promoting pedestrian-friendly environments within our community. Most recent I participated in the review of the 2024-2029 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Plan. This involves a comprehensive examination of community needs and aspirations to shape the strategic direction of recreational services and facilities for the upcoming years. My multifaceted involvement in these committees and projects reflects my dedication to fostering community well-being, improving recreational opportunities, and contributing to the thoughtful development of Novi.

Describe your current and past volunteer involvement in or for the City?

Current Volunteer Involvement: I am currently serving as the Vice Chair on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services committee, and Older Adult Services Advisory Board. In these roles, I actively contribute to the improvement of community parks and advocate for the development of services that cater specifically to the needs of older adults. My responsibilities include providing valuable input for initiatives such as the establishment of a dedicated community center for older adults. I am also actively participating in the Grants Committee, where I contribute to the evaluation and support of grant applications for various community projects. Additionally, I helped with the interview and selection process for the Older Adult Services Manager and the Older Adult Services Recreation Supervisor roles. Past Volunteer Involvement: In the past, I have dedicated my time and efforts to the Walkable Novi committee. This involvement showcased my commitment to creating pedestrian-friendly environments within our community, contributing to the overall livability and accessibility of Novi. My volunteer experiences have not only allowed me to give back to the community but have also provided me with valuable insights into the needs and aspirations of our residents. I

am proud to have been a part of initiatives that contribute to the betterment and development of Novi, and I am eager to continue my volunteer efforts for the benefit of our city.

What motivated you to apply to serve on City Council?

My motivation to apply for a position on the City Council is grounded in a genuine passion for community service, a desire to contribute my skills and experience, and a commitment to playing a role in shaping a vibrant and prosperous future for Novi.

If appointed, what do you hope to accomplish during your term? What do you hope to learn?

I hope to accomplish tangible improvements in the areas of community development, transparency, sustainability, and economic vitality during my term. Additionally, I aim to continuously learn and adapt, gaining valuable insights into effective governance and the unique challenges and opportunities facing Novi.

What do you think the City is doing well or could be doing differently when you think about the areas of responsibility for City Council?

As I reflect on the areas of responsibility for the City Council, I appreciate several aspects of the city's current approach while recognizing areas where improvements or different strategies could be considered: Areas of Strength: Community Engagement: The city excels in community engagement, fostering resident participation in many activities offered in Engage magazine. Recreational Services: The commitment to recreational services enhances the overall quality of life for residents. Economic Development: Proactive policies have successfully attracted businesses, contributing to economic growth. Area for Consideration: Affordable Housing: Addressing affordable housing could be a focal point, ensuring diverse housing options align with residents' needs and promoting inclusivity.

Do you foresee any conflict of interest if you were appointed to serve as a Council Member?

I do not foresee any conflict of interest If I am appointed to serve on City Council.

Is there anything else you would like City Council to be aware of, or know about you?

I want the City Council to be aware of my unwavering commitment to the betterment of Novi. My diverse background in business, community service, and public engagement equips me with a unique perspective to contribute effectively to the Council. I am dedicated to fostering transparency, inclusivity, and sustainable development. I look forward to the opportunity to collaboratively work towards the continued growth and prosperity of our community. Thank you for considering my application.