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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?

22 years

Employed by:

BackBeat Technologies

Educational Background:

Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineer, University of Sydney

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

I've had the privilege of leading sales people, negotiating contracts, closing business, and working in successful teams during my career as an engineer for an HVAC company. I currently run my own small business building and marketing a musical device I invented, for which I was granted a patent. I plan on using my communication skills and entrepreneurial experience to bridge any gaps between the community and the City. My attention to detail in engineering will allow me to consider City business carefully. Being bilingual in English and Spanish, I expect to use my international experience in helping foreign residents and businesses get the most out of the City.

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.

Have not officially served in any City role, however have volunteered countless hours through the Walled Lake Consolidated School District through which my children have grown. I also volunteer extensively at Brightmoor Christian Church for their music and theatrical

performances.

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

N/A

What motivated you to apply to serve on City Council?

Since becoming a US citizen a few years ago, I've voted in and actively followed every election cycle with great interest. I'm particularly interested in following local politics, as I feel that is where ordinary citizens can be the most involved and have the most impact. Having enjoyed Novi, I thought it good to contribute and use my skillset to give back to the city that I've enjoyed for so long.

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

Some of the greatest ideas, inspirations and breakthroughs for developing my business have come to mind during walks around Walled Lake, making me a firm believer in the value of having walkable access to nature and exercise. I'm very interested in Walkable Novi and would want to see it accelerated. I have ideas for expanding it to include a boardwalk along the southwest of the lake, as well as sidewalks and nature paths in other areas throughout Novi. My experience managing the financial aspects of running a small business will allow me to contribute intelligently to City budget decisions. I personally hope to learn more about how local government works, and how to maximize value for local residents.

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?

City business seems to be conducted well and with impartiality. I would have more input about what might be done differently or more efficiently once in the position.

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

None.

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

I'm a first generation immigrant and have enjoyed raising my family in this wonderful city. I have watched with excitement the growth in the international community here in Novi and know that I can provide a unique perspective on their experience with the City. As a small business owner, I understand the joys and struggles and would like to advocate for other small businesses in the City. Having built my home here, I also have an interest in zoning, land use, and future building projects the City may take on.