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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?

34 Years

Employed by:

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Educational Background:

1976 Associate of Science, Computer Science - Henry Ford College 1981 Bachelor of Science, General Studies - Political Science, Computer Engineering, Russian History - University of Michigan - Dearborn 2001 Master of Science, Computer Information Systems - University of Phoenix 2003 - Project Management Professional (PMP) 2002 - Information Technology Infrastructure Library Foundation (ITIL-F) 2010 - Certified Program Manager - Federal Government (CIA)

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

I have extensive project and program management training and experience. Having worked for private industry, as well as the intelligence services, I led efforts for medical, satellite launches, automotive, logistics and education. I would use my rather diverse base of experience within our beloved City of Novi, to help lead project efforts, arrive at sound, cost effective/efficient solutions to our problems. I have an extensive amount of technology background, and would use that to the benefit of the city, using appropriate levels of technology to assist in library services, City functions as well as for the citizenry.

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 served on the City of Novi Computer Advisory Committee in the 1990's, until it was dissolved. My goal within the committee was to bring efficiency to our computer operations. Doing so, I helped deploy the laptops and networks to the police cars. I also, recently worked with the Library to present the Armenian Heritage hour, sharing culture, history, music and food. My goal at this function was to promote diversity and inclusion, show that people are all alike.

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

I volunteered to lead the Armenian Heritage Hour at the Library on 18 November 2023. Gail mentioned this was a huge success, and the best group activity she had witnessed. The focus was on history, culture, religion, music and food. I presented and performed music, sharing our rich scales, and culture with the participants. For this, I drafted 4 local musicians, 5 people to bake and serve and brought in a team of people to assist setup, cleanup and participate in the program. I am an active member of the Novi Community Band, playing clarinet, bass clarinet or whatever else is needed. I performed with the band in the early 1990's, worked in DC from 2009-2022, and rejoined the band in January 2023 when I returned.

What motivated you to apply to serve on City Council?

I have served in the Federal Government for 14 years, it is time to serve my local community. I want to bring some program management discipline and industry best practices to our city programs to ensure smooth delivery. I see the activities the city of presently undertaking and feel that I would like to apply my experience to help bring them to fruition.

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

I hope to learn the processes within our City government while bring a common sense approach to our functions as a board member. I would like to review our education plans for our schools to ensure we are helping students become critical thinkers. Another goal is to review programs underway and provide some experience as a PM to help with planning and delivery. Lastly, I would like to work on our planning for road upgrades, infrastructure updates for the City.

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?

I think the City is run well, and is well managed. I have not seen the planning efforts, project plans to ensure delivery. I think we should present those plans on our TV station and at our board meetings for members to view. Small things like snow removal need attention I have witnessed cars and driveways buried after the City Snowplow comes through. A little care can avoid this situation. It may take a bit longer to plow, but imagine a senior citizen needing medical care that cannot leave their home due to excessive snow at the base of the drive. This needs to be addressed effectively and efficiently.

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

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

I am a former Intelligence Officer, retired, with a great deal of experience with Federal procedures and processes. My passion is within the field of technology and program management. I feel that I would be an asset to the Board and would continue our path of

representing our citizenry with effective and efficient solutions to their issues. I am a Deacon in the Armenian Church, serving for over 60 years as an Altar Boy, Sub-Deacon, Deacon and Arch-Deacon. I pride myself on my moral values and ethics while leading teams to bring forth solutions. I greatly look forward to serving the good people of the City of Novi