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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?*

6 years

Employed by

Educational Background*

Bachelor of science - University of Madras Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene - OCC,
Michigan MBA - Wayne state University Certificate in Computer Science- OCC

Please describe your professional qualifications, skills and/or work experience, and how you would use these to benefit the boards and/or commissions for which you are applying.*

I worked for 10 years as a dental hygienist at a mobile dental company that served low income community schools. I am currently involved in family property management overseas. This diverse experience has equipped me with strong organizational and management skills, essential for effectively supporting initiatives on these boards and commissions. My familiarity with computer applications, including Microsoft Office, Google applications, and some programming, allows me to streamline tasks, enhance communication, and analyze data to make informed decisions. In property management, I developed skills in budgeting, tenant relations, and problem-solving—abilities that translate well into addressing community needs and handling board responsibilities. I'm confident that this blend of skills and experiences together with my interests in politics and reading, would allow me to make meaningful contributions and add value to the boards and commissions for which I am applying.

Please list any community groups with which you are currently or have previously been active and describe your role.*

I have worked as a volunteer in my community in and my son's school but have not sought office/leadership positions before.

What motivated you to apply to serve on a board or commission, and why did you select the boards/commissions that you did?*

My motivation to apply for these boards and commissions comes from a commitment to serving the Novi community and contributing to areas that enhance quality of life, civic engagement, and inclusivity. Each of the boards I've selected aligns with specific values and interests: Library Board: I've always valued libraries as community hubs for knowledge, learning, and connection. By serving on the library board, I hope to support and expand access to the library's resources and programs, helping to ensure that all residents—regardless of background—can benefit from the library's offerings. Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services: Parks and recreational spaces play an essential role in fostering health, well-being, and community. This commission appeals to me because I'm passionate about creating inclusive, accessible, and well-maintained spaces that residents of all ages can enjoy. I'm particularly interested in supporting programs that bring people together and celebrate Novi's diverse community through cultural events and recreational activities. Election Commission: I believe that a strong democracy depends on fair, transparent, and accessible elections. Serving on the election commission would allow me to help ensure that all eligible residents have equal access to participate in the electoral process. I'm motivated by the opportunity to support voter education, build trust in the election process, and increase civic engagement in our community. These boards and commissions reflect my desire to positively impact the community, support inclusivity, and contribute to Novi's continued growth as a connected and engaged city.

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

If appointed, my goals and learning aspirations would be tailored to each role, focusing on both concrete outcomes and personal growth in understanding community needs: Library Board: Goals: I'd work toward expanding the library's community reach by promoting programs that cater to diverse and underserved populations. Strengthening partnerships with schools and other local organizations to boost literacy and lifelong learning would also be a priority. Learning: I hope to understand how libraries adapt to shifting community needs and how funding decisions are made to support new and existing programs. Additionally, I'd like to gain insight into the strategic planning process that balances public feedback with library resources and objectives. Election Commission: Goals: I'd work to promote transparent, efficient, and accessible elections by supporting voter outreach and education. Ensuring all eligible residents feel informed and empowered to vote would be my top priority. Learning: I hope to gain a deep understanding of the electoral process, from regulations to the logistical elements of organizing elections. I'm also eager to learn about the safeguards and protocols that ensure the fairness and integrity of elections. Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services: Goals: My primary goal would be to enhance inclusivity within recreational and cultural programs, ensuring there are accessible opportunities for all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. I'd also aim to improve park accessibility and connectivity through trail enhancements and safer facilities. Learning: I'd like to learn about the planning and development process for public spaces, including how environmental and cultural factors are considered. Gaining a better understanding of community engagement practices and how partnerships can enhance recreational offerings would also be valuable.

What do you think the City is doing well or could be doing differently when you think about the areas of responsibility for the boards and/or commissions for which you are applying?

In the areas of responsibility for the Library Board, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services,

and Election Commission, the City of Novi is excelling in several ways, while also having opportunities for further improvement: Library Board: The Novi Public Library is impressive in its range of resources, programs, and facilities, offering everything from digital tools to community events. The library has done well in creating an inclusive, welcoming environment. However, there may be opportunities to further enhance outreach, particularly to underserved or non-English-speaking communities. Expanding programs that promote digital literacy and offering multilingual resources could deepen the library's reach. Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services: Novi's parks and recreational facilities are well-maintained and provide a range of activities for all ages. The city has done an excellent job integrating green spaces and promoting physical activity. To further strengthen this, the city could expand connectivity between parks through safe walking and biking paths, encouraging a more active and sustainable lifestyle. Additionally, programs that celebrate Novi's cultural diversity and provide inclusive opportunities for all abilities could help build an even stronger sense of community. Election Commission: The City of Novi is proactive in ensuring fair, organized elections, with accessible polling sites and clear communication of voting processes. Expanding voter education, particularly for first-time voters and residents with limited English proficiency, could boost civic engagement. Efforts to promote early voting while also reducing misinformation on absentee voting might improve election integrity and increase participation. Overall, the City of Novi is committed to serving its residents and building an inclusive community. By expanding accessibility, connectivity, and outreach, these boards and commissions can help Novi continue to grow as a dynamic, engaged, and inclusive city.

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

I can be reached at 248-787-0624 for questions or clarifications

1st Choice

Election Commission

2nd Choice

Library Board

3rd Choice

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Commission

List any additional choices (in order of preference)

Beautification commission

Beautification areas of expertise

Registered Voter (Required)

Gardening/Landscaping

Board of Review areas of expertise

Building Authority areas of expertise

City Council Cultural Arts Committee

Construction Board of Appeals areas of expertise

Corridor Improvement Authority areas of expertise

Economic Development Corporation areas of expertise

Election Commission areas of expertise

Registered Voter (required)

Basic Knowledge of Election Process

Historical Commission Area of Expertise

Novi Resident (Required)

Love of History

Organizational Skills

Programming Knowledge

Library Board areas of expertise

Novi Resident (Required)

Marketing/Public Relations

Customer Service

PRCS areas of expertise

Planning Commission areas of expertise

Public Utilities and Technology Committee

Zoning Board areas of expertise

Signature/Date

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