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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?*

9 years

Employed by

Detroit Public Schools Community District/Independent contractor - State of Minnesota

Educational Background*

PhD - Organizational Leadership, Policy and Development, University of Minnesota
Dissertation Title: Claiming Space: Older Adult Students' Lived Experience and Sense of Belonging on an Age-Friendly University Campus.

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.*

As an age-friendly consultant, I work with the State of Minnesota as they develop their Blueprint for an Age-Friendly Minnesota. I hope to use my knowledge base to help inform the strategic plan for Novi as it evolves with a more community members who are 65+ representing diverse populations.

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

Volunteer positions: Social Studies Think Tank, Detroit Public School Community District April 2023 – Present Outreach Chair, Aging Studies Interdisciplinary Group, University of Minnesota July 2022 – May 2023 Moderator, Intergenerational Dialogues September 2020 – Present Dementia Friends Champion, Minnesota October 2021 – Present Discussion Group Facilitator June 2021 Foundations for Change: Evaluating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in HCBS, Minnesota Homeowner's Association - Landscape committee member (2016-2017) Cub Scout parent volunteer (2011-2014) Girl Scout parent volunteer (2011-2014) Youth group coordinator (2000-2005) Children's afterschool craft group leader (2000-2001)

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

The Long Range Strategic Planning committee will play a critical role in charting the course of Novi's future. I want to make a difference in that plan. I am a strong believer that Novi's designation as an Age-Friendly city needs to come to the forefront of city's strategic plan. An "all ages and stages" lens must take precedence as we look to Novi's future. I chose this commission in particular because: I have a passion for community development and I hope to contribute to the growth and prosperity of the city. My expertise and experience as an educator and age-friendly consultant give me a unique skill set that will benefit the community. Engaging in local governance and decision-making processes is an important aspect of civic responsibility. Serving on a commission gives me a platform to participate in the democratic process and make an impact on my community. I have a long-term vision for the city and how to be part of the process to address issues such as infrastructure development, land use planning, transportation, housing, economic development, and environmental sustainability to ensure that Novi continues to thrive for generations to come.

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

I hope to bring the voice of diverse community groups into the conversation about strategic planning. I hope to encourage Novi to hold more focus groups with diverse groups and increase outreach and communication. I also hope to lead/help outline a strategic plan for Novi 2040 (a 15 year outlook). I hope to learn what other cities are doing as they plan for the future and incorporate some of those ideas into our own strategic plan.

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?

I have had the opportunity to sit in on City Council meetings and Older Adult Needs Committee and have seen the dedication of council and committee members. I think the lifespan approach needs to be a more integral part of city planning as the number of older adults in the community will only be increasing.

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

I can provide my resume if needed.

1st Choice

Long Range Strategic Planning Committee

2nd Choice

PRCS

3rd Choice

Library Board

List any additional choices (in order of preference)

Beautification areas of expertise

Board of Review areas of expertise

Registered Voter (Required)
Organization/Preparedness

Building Authority areas of expertise

Construction Board of Appeals areas of expertise

Corridor Improvement Authority areas of expertise

Economic Development Corporation areas of expertise

Election Commission areas of expertise

Historical Commission Area of Expertise

Library Board areas of expertise

Novi Resident (Required)
Policymaking/Review
Budget and Finance

PRCS areas of expertise

Novi Resident (Required)
Recreation/Cultural Arts Programs & Services
Strategic Planning

Planning Commission areas of expertise

Zoning Board areas of expertise

Signature/Date

Farah Baig 5/3/2024