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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?*

Since April 2003

Employed by

Self Employed

Educational Background*

I am a graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, class of 2007. I have some college experience, and I have also taken the LSAT exam. In addition, I continuously study real estate as I work as a real estate agent.

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 a current member of the City of Novi's Board of Review, I have directly applied my professional experience and skills to benefit the board's work this past year. In this role, I have leveraged my deep knowledge of the local real estate market, along with my abilities in areas like data analysis, financial evaluation, and clear communication, to provide valuable context and insights during the board's deliberations. Building on this foundation, I believe I can continue to make meaningful contributions as I seek a second term. As a real estate agent, I have developed an extensive understanding of the neighborhoods, housing trends, and development dynamics within Novi. I stay current with relevant laws, regulations, and industry best practices, and I am adept at identifying relevant data, analyzing it thoroughly, and presenting well-reasoned recommendations. Moreover, my passion for the local community and commitment to its growth and prosperity would drive me to be a dedicated, diligent, and collaborative member of the board. I would work constructively with my fellow members to balance the needs and interests of residents, businesses, and the city as a whole. Overall, my professional experience, board-level knowledge, and dedication make me well-qualified to continue serving on the City of Novi's Board of Review. I would be honored to do

so, and I am confident I can continue to bring valuable expertise and insights to the board's important work.

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

I am active in my local community and church. I am a member of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors, and Realcomp, which provides real estate data and cutting-edge technology. Through these professional associations, I stay engaged with the real estate community and keep up-to-date on industry trends and best practices. In my church community, I participate actively and contribute my time and skills to support the congregation and its outreach efforts. While I don't have a formal leadership role, I am a dedicated member who helps facilitate various church programs and initiatives. My involvement in these community groups allows me to stay connected to the local area, understand the needs and priorities of residents, and apply my professional expertise in service of the broader community. This community engagement has been valuable in informing my perspective and approach as a current member of the City of Novi's Board of Review.

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

My passion for real estate and helping others was deeply impacted by my late father, Farouk Dawood Samona, who was a licensed real estate broker. Watching him dedicate his career to guiding clients through one of the biggest financial decisions of their lives instilled in me a profound appreciation for the real estate industry and the difference it can make in people's lives. When the opportunity arose to serve on the City of Novi's Board of Review, I was motivated to apply because it would allow me to continue my father's legacy of using my real estate expertise to benefit the local community. As someone who is continuously studying industry trends and best practices, I feel well-equipped to provide valuable insights and recommendations that support the board's important work.

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

If reappointed to the Board of Review, my primary goals would be to apply my real estate knowledge and analytical skills to ensure the board operates efficiently, makes sound decisions, and serves the best interests of Novi's residents and businesses. I hope to continue drawing upon my hands-on experience in the local market to provide relevant context that informs the board's deliberations. Additionally, I am eager to learn from my fellow board members and to deepen my understanding of the broader policy considerations and community dynamics that shape the board's work. My aim is to become an even more informed and effective advocate for balanced, well-reasoned actions that support Novi's growth and development.

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?

From my experience as a current Board of Review member, I believe the City of Novi has done an excellent job of assembling a dedicated, knowledgeable team of community members to serve on this important board. The board's thorough, impartial approach to evaluating property assessments and addressing taxpayer concerns has been commendable. That said, I believe there may be opportunities to further streamline the board's processes and leverage technology to enhance efficiency and transparency.

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

In addition to my real estate expertise and community engagement, I believe my personal connection to the industry adds a unique perspective that could benefit the Board of Review. As the son of a respected real estate broker, Farouk Dawood Samona, who sadly passed away on June 21, 2023, I have a deep, lifelong appreciation for the profound impact this profession can have on individuals, families, and the broader community. My father's passing was an incredibly difficult loss, but it has only strengthened my resolve to honor his legacy by continuing to serve others through real estate. I would be honored to apply the knowledge and values he instilled in me to further the important work of the City of Novi's Board of Review.

1st Choice

Board of Review

2nd Choice

Board of Review

3rd Choice

Zoning Board of Appeals

List any additional choices (in order of preference)

My first option would be the Board of Review!

Beautification areas of expertise

Board of Review areas of expertise

Registered Voter (Required)

Real Estate

Construction

Organization/Preparedness

Logic/Reasoning

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

Historical Commission Area of Expertise

Library Board areas of expertise

PRCS areas of expertise

Planning Commission areas of expertise

Public Utilities and Technology Committee

Zoning Board areas of expertise

Registered Voter (Required)

Construction

Real Estate Development/Law

Signature/Date

Joseph Peter Samona - November 13, 2024