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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT

Thank you for your continued interest in serving on an advisory board or commission. The purpose of this form is to provide City Council members with comprehensive information about board or commission members who wish to be reappointed at the end of their term. Please provide thoughtful, detailed answers. City Council will make appointments based on this application and a two minute introductory speech given by all candidates during a City Council meeting. Boards and commissions candidate introductions typically take place in February, June, and December. This application will be kept on file for one year, and is open for public inspection upon request.

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For which board or commission are you re-applying? Library Board

Why would you like to continue to serve?

I strongly believe in giving back to the community I live in. Novi Library is one central place that brings all different community members together. I am very much a patron and always wanted to volunteer and support the library in a bigger capacity, so being a trustee on the board enable me to do that.

Through this one-year term, I have seen how I, as a Board member of the library was able to contribute to the betterment of the library and its serving community. Even though we were able to accomplish quite a lot during my term, I see a lot more for me to do still, especially as we just kicked off the Library Strategic planning. As a Strategic Planning Committee member, I was able to contribute to the vendor selection process & survey for the community. I am very much looking forward to being a part of all the activities and sessions that are planned, leading up to determining the right strategic plan for the Novi library.

I am passionate about DEI and as a DEI committee member, I was able to provide insights and support in making the library more inclusive. I'd like to continue being part of this committee to work t

I'd like to continue to be that advocate for the library and its missions. I want to be there as an individual to support Julie and her awesome team to be able to do what they have planned for without any issues. I enjoy being on the board, I have learnt so much this year and want to continue to learn more and provide my skills in areas where they need it. I have established a great relationship with other trustees, and I am totally ready to execute the soon to be determined 5-year plan.

What are you proud of accomplishing during your term?

I am really proud of being part of the Novi Library Board along with other esteemed leaders. During this short term, I was not only able to understand all the policies and procedures of the library but also contribute to the library being part of the following Committees

- Strategic Committee - I am very glad to be a part of this committee this year where we worked together to prepare and kick off the strategic review process for the library, including consultant vendor selection and providing feedback on survey questions.
- Events & Marketing Committee - My goal has been to participate in as many activities as possible, was happy to be a part of the MLK day event representing the board.
- DEI Committee- Help update the DEI goals for library, review and approval of the Collections Development Policy, presentation of the Indian culture & traditions to the staff were some of the areas where I was able to play an active role and support.



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If reappointed, what do you hope to accomplish in your next term?

We have just started the Strategic planning process and in the middle of getting the survey completed to gather all the findings. One of the key goals for me in my next term is to understand the data and feedback from the community to determine the right 3-5 year Strategic plan for the library. Moreover, as a Board Trustee, I will do my best to support Julie and her team in the actual execution of the plan. I'd like to help with the overall goals for the library and come up with the right committee goals that align to the overall goals so its all driven by community data.

In the DEI space, we are working on NPL scorecard, I'd like us to complete it, evaluate ourselves and set some clear action plan to fill the gaps and raise our bar with the scores

With Finance, I want to work towards a fundraising goal \$\$ and come up with various areas to fundraise for the library to enable a more positive financial balance to help with financial sustainability of the library.

What do you want Council to know about your board or commission, and how can they assist your board or commission with its goals?

It is great to see the partnership between the City and the Novi Library. Continuing with this strong relationship is the key. Sharing resources between the two entities will help each other to stay lean and cost effective. When the strategic plan is created based on the feedback, I request that the City provides complete support in all areas to implement the plan successfully.

Is there anything else you would like for Council to know about you and/or your work on the board or commission?

I am proud to be a part of the Library Board as a Trustee. It was such an honor to be amongst great people at the Board and library to learn and grow. It was an amazing experience and so glad to have been able to contribute at that level.

As an IT Director by profession, I lead a global team. I strongly believe that all my skills have been beneficial in terms of supporting the library in this caliber.



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I understand I am volunteering my services with no monetary compensation or benefits. I understand I am not a City of Novi employee. I further understand the City of Novi is not obligated to accept my offer of volunteering service to the City of Novi. The City of Novi reserves the right to terminate my volunteer service at any time. I have read the Volunteer NOVI Guidebook and Policies. I will adhere to the policies and procedures of the City of Novi.

I authorize fingerprinting, criminal background checks, search of sex offender registry, and Department of Motor Vehicle checks as deemed necessary by the City of Novi. I authorize investigation of any matter contained in the application.

*I understand as a volunteer I am **NOT** covered under the City of Novi's Workers' Compensation Policy for any injury or accident sustained during my volunteer assignment. I understand I am to report any injury or accident immediately to my supervisor. I further understand any medical costs or other costs incurred as result of incident will be my responsibility. I further understand if I fail to report the injury or accident immediately to my supervisor I may be released from my current volunteer assignment and may be Ineligible for any assignment in the future.*

I give the City of Novi permission to use, publish and republish, without compensation or obligation to me any photographs, videos or other media now in existence, which may be developed for future use along with reproduction of my likeness taken during my volunteer service to the City of Novi.

I declare under penalty of perjury all statements made in this application are true and correct of my own personal knowledge.

Priya Gurumurthy

Signature

01/26/23

Date