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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?*

31 Years

Employed by

Educational Background*

I have a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A), with dual concentrations in Global Supply Chain Management and Entrepreneurship/Innovation from the Mike Ilitch School of Business (MISB) at Wayne State University. I graduated with a 3.76 GPA in May of 2022, and while at MISB, I was the Graduate President of a nationally-recognized collegiate student organization called Net Impact, which focuses on educating students on sustainability. I received a Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Business (B.S.S.B) from Aquinas College in 2015 with a 3.2 GPA and was on their Women's Varsity Collegiate Tennis Team as #2 and #3 singles player. Since completing my undergraduate degree I have been working professionally, and I look forward to future continuous opportunities and experiences. I graduated from Mercy High School in 2011, and was a 4-year varsity tennis athlete, who received all-state, all-region, all-catholic individual/team titles throughout, respectfully as their #1 and #2 singles player.

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 am a Novi native, and am the author of "Forget Me Not: Armenian Genocide Recollections", which was published in 2021 through Schuler Books/Chapbook Press. This historical book was written to preserve my family history, to inspire others to preserve their own family history, and to help others, as the author proceeds are donated to help children. My historical book has been humbly successful, and has helped many children receive winter boots from the author proceeds. The books success has provided many speaking/presenting opportunities, one of which was with the Novi Public Library (NPL). As a young career professional who has Sustainability ESG Analyst experience, my historical book correlates to the concept of sustainability through understanding the past, bringing awareness to the present, and helping the future. I am the youngest Armenian American to have their book selected to be included in the Armenian History section in the Library of Congress. My book was also a top title of the year in 2021 by Schuler Books/Chapbook Press. This journey has taught me that my life is about what can I do with my life to help others.

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

I do not have a role in a community group, nor have I had a role within previously.

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

I choose to apply for the Library Board because I bring value as a published author and a Novi native of 31 years. It is important to have a Library Board that consists of individuals with who bring certain areas of expertise, including in my opinion, one of being a published author. I grew up attending the NPL events, and to becoming a published author who spoke at one, was a very memorable moment. I truly value and appreciate what the NPL brings to our community as well as how it has made an impact on the person I am today. A priority of mine of what I hope to learn if appointed, would entail to understand NPL's involvement within the Novi community. I recognize the duality of the involvement in the library as well as the community is a priority,

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

If appointed, I am to prioritize supporting literacy initiatives and inclusivity. I would work towards increasing communities engagements/awareness within the library. A personal interest of mine involves collaborating on innovative and sustainable initiatives to continue in the modernization of the library resources. I also hope to learn more about how NPL connects within the Novi community. If appointed, I also would aim on being involved with the policy making and the reviewing process that the NPL goes through. I love libraries, I enjoy reading, and I am passionate with philanthropy for the community and those in need. I am incredibly interested in all of these aspects mentioned, and these are reasons why I am interested to apply to serve on the Library Board at the NPL.

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

I would like to bring awareness as to why I am currently applying to be appointed to the Library Board. From May 2020 - May 2022, I was working full-time, was a full-time graduate student, wrote a book that was published and had speaking engagements, was the graduate president of a student organization, and was focused on securing a new job following graduation. Since my graduation, while working I studied for an exam and am now a Certified Sustainability Professional. Because of these things mentioned prior I have not applied to serve on a board up until this point. Now that I am able to, I am interested in applying to be on the Library Board. If appointed, I would take on the responsibility and expectations it requires graciously and professionally.

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Order of preference number

Beautification areas of expertise

BORDescription

Order of preference number

Board of Review areas of expertise

BldgAuth Description

Order of preference number

Building Authority areas of expertise

ConstBOA Description

Order of preference number

Construction Board of Appeals areas of expertise

CIA Description

Order of preference number

Corridor Improvement Authority areas of expertise

EDC Description

Order of preference number

Economic Development Corporation areas of expertise

EC Description

Order of preference number

Election Commission areas of expertise

HistCom Description

Order of Preference Number

Historical Commission Area of Expertise

HD Description

Order of preference number

Housing & Community Development Advisory areas of expertise

LibBoard Description

Order of preference number

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Library Board areas of expertise

Policymaking/Review

PRCS Description

Order of preference number

N/A

PRCS areas of expertise

PC Description

Order of preference number

N/A

Planning Commission areas of expertise

ZBA Description

Order of preference number

N/A

Zoning Board areas of expertise

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