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Thank you for your interest in serving on an advisory board or commission. The purpose of this form is to provide City Council members with comprehensive information about residents who would like to be considered for appointment. Please provide thoughtful, detailed answers. City Council will make appointments based on this application and a two-minute introductory speech given by 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.

Name (Please print)*:

Ajeeta Manju Gawalapu

Nickname, if preferred:

Ajeeta

Address*:

41326, Scarborough Ln, Novi, 48375

Preferred Phone Number*:

2489461521

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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?*

20 Years

Employed by:

cognizant

Educational Background*:

Undergrad in Microbiology and Computer Science.
Masters in Biochemistry.

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.*:

My Professional qualification and skills include having a diverse background in science, technology and leadership. This is through my education in microbiology, computer science and biochemistry. Combining this with 23 years of experience in IT, and a current position as a senior Manager at Cognizant, I have also developed many leadership and project management abilities.

With these abilities, If appointed for the library board, I plan to use my expertise in technology and sciences to help guide important decisions in these areas. Due to my knowledge, I can bring the board new and upcoming technological advancements to get Novi Public Library ahead of the curve and become a site for innovators and forward-thinkers.

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

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Olympiad Coach

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

I have been motivated to serve on the library board for a variety of reasons. Primarily, my interest to serve on this board stems from my interest in reading and education, which I feel that I can promote if appointed. I have also been looking for different ways to get involved in the local Novi Community and feel that this would be a great way to give back to the city I have called home for over 20 years. Additionally, I was motivated to serve on this commission since I want to make a difference in my community and help make the voice of Novi residents heard.

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

If appointed, I hope to accomplish a variety of projects related to the STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and Math). I am aware of the STEAM kits that are offered at the Novi Public Library and would like to expand this program across different age groups and add more resources.
I also hope to learn about the way in which the library and city are operated. I hope to meet people with different backgrounds and learn from them as well.

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

I am married and have two sons, age 20 and 17.

Please number the boards and commissions you're interested in serving on, in order of preference, with "1" being the board or commission you're most interested in. For the boards and commissions you're interested in, check the corresponding qualifications/areas of expertise that apply to you. Not all boards and commissions have vacancies at this time; contact the Clerk's Office for further details.

Order of preference number:

Please enter 1 through 13

Beautification Commission evaluates entries for the City's Neighborhood Entryway Enhancement Matching Grant Program, and is involved in various beautification projects and public events.

Order of preference number:

Please enter 1 through 13

Board of Review reviews property assessments as set by the City Assessor and hears appeals by individual property owners; then reduces, adds to or denies said appeal. A certification of the assessment role is required by the Board of Review per the state statute.

Order of preference number:

Please enter 1 through 13

Building Authority oversees the issuance of financing bonds for special projects within the City of Novi.

Order of preference number:

Please enter 1 through 13

Construction Board of Appeals exists as a "fact finding" body for builders and developers; hear appeals for questions of interpretation and proper application and equivalency.

Order of preference number:

Please enter 1 through 13

Corridor Improvement Authority helps to correct and prevent deterioration in commercial business districts, and promotes the economic growth within the districts.



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Order of preference number:

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Election Commission has the duties and powers conferred on the City Election Commissioners by statute. The City Clerk is the chairman of the Commission.

Election Commission areas of expertise:

☒ Registered Voter (required) ☒ Basic Knowledge of Election Process

Order of preference number:

Please enter 1 through 13

Historical Commission in cooperation with the Historical Society and the Novi Public Library, is responsible for Old Township Hall (which serves as a museum), and for the collection, preservation and marking of historical sites.

Order of preference number:

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Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee was formulated for the purpose of reviewing community development needs in regards to these Community Development Block Grant funds. The committee works in conjunction with City Administration to develop annual CDBG goals for the City of Novi.

Housing & Community Development Advisory areas of expertise:

☒ Federal Grants ☒ Knowledge of Community Needs

Order of preference number:

1

Library Board approves payment of bills, acts upon recommendations of the Library Administrator and handles various other business matters.

Library Board areas of expertise:

☒ Policymaking/Review ☒ Budget and Finance ☒ Marketing/Public Relations ☒ Customer Service

Order of preference number:

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Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission sets policy for and makes recommendations to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department. The Commissioners work together with professional staff in the areas of programming, budget, facilities, planning and public relations. The Commission has the responsibility of meeting community recreational objectives, and reflecting community needs to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department and City Council.

PRCS areas of expertise:

☒ Recreation/Cultural Arts Programs & Services ☐ Strategic Planning ☐ Advertising/Marketing/PR

Order of preference number:

Please enter 1 through 13

Planning Commission prepares a Master Plan for Land Use and advises the City Council in regard to the proper development of the City of Novi. The Planning Commission reviews and recommends to City Council all requests for change in zoning and ordinance text amendments.

Order of preference number:

2

Zoning Board of Appeals authorizes use in a zoning district in which it is not otherwise permitted, provided it is clearly shown that the land cannot be utilized for a zoned use. The board is empowered to act on matters where zoning ordinances provide for administrative review, interpretation, exception or special approval permit, and to author a variance as defined in section 3104 of the Zoning Ordinance and Laws of the State of Michigan.

Zoning Board areas of expertise:

☒ Architecture ☒ Construction ☒ Land Use Planning ☒ Real Estate Development/Law



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