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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?*

10 years

Employed by

Experian, Senior Director of Product Management (Automotive)

Educational Background*

Computer Engineer

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 have been part of organizing the Cleveland Thyagaraja Festival for 20 years. It has now become the world's largest Indian Music and Dance festival outside of India with over 4,000 people in attendance on opening weekend and runs for 15 days annually over Easter Weekend. The majority of this festival is free to the public. Every year we conduct music and dance performances featuring our workshop dancers and premier artists from India with regional cultural partners. I am an Indian dancer and have learned music and am an organizer of cultural events. I am also a producer who has staged many productions collaborating with artists.

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

I have been part of a volunteer group that spearheads the planning and organization of Indian Music and Dance Events across North America and India. We are organized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (tax ID 34-1806829). Our efforts are funded through a combination of donations, grants, and educational programs. We sponsor and bring artists of a high caliber from India to showcase their art. We connect artists from India with local North American performers, students, and audiences in performances, workshops, lecture demonstrations,

competitions, visiting professorships, and tours.

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

I would love to partner with the Novi Community and share Indian Arts and Culture with the students and community. I also would like to do this with other cultures that represented in Novi like Japanese, Latino, and African American.

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

I would like to organize community cultural events that showcase local talent in dance and music and help connect our performers, audience, and students with international talent.

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 think we can have more events that showcase arts in the community that engage Novi residents. I think our athletics are fabulous and our theatre program is amazing. I would love to see that with music and dance.

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

I love Novi and have 2 children in Novi Meadows and Novi Middle School. I have a large network in the Novi and Detroit area and can bring together a group of volunteers and sponsors to do these programs cost effectively or cost neutral for the city.

1st Choice

City Council Cultural Arts Committee

2nd Choice

Library Board

3rd Choice

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Commission

List any additional choices (in order of preference)

Beautification areas of expertise

Board of Review areas of expertise

Building Authority areas of expertise

City Council Cultural Arts Committee

Cultural Arts & Theater

Music/Art/Dance background

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

Marketing/Public Relations

Customer Service

PRCS areas of expertise

Planning Commission areas of expertise

Public Utilities and Technology Committee

Zoning Board areas of expertise

Signature/Date

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