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Manoharan Mohanram

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Members of the Common Council
City of Madison
Madison, WI 53703

Re: Application for the (soon to be) Vacant District 1 Alder Seat

Dear Members of the Common Council,

It is my honor to apply for consideration to fill the vacant District 1 seat.

I arrived in Madison in 2002 with my wife of two years, our ten-month-old daughter, two thousand dollars in traveler's checks and a job offer. That was the whole of it — that, and a great deal of hope. We had decided to take our chances on the American dream, and we chose to take them here.

In the twenty-four years since, this city has given me far more than a place to live. It gave me room to try, room to grow, and room to fail — which I did, more than once, across a career in IT management and sales — and then, just as importantly, room to recover and begin again. Not every place offers a newcomer that second chance. Madison offered it to me repeatedly.

What has stayed with me most is not any single opportunity, but the character of the people here and the quality of what this city makes freely available to everyone. I have watched Madison's public spaces and institutions serve whoever walks into them, regardless of what they can pay. Saturday mornings at the Dane County Farmers' Market, the parks, the libraries, the lakes — these are the places that remind me, again and again, that you do not need wealth to live a good life here. That is a rare thing, and it is not an accident. It is the product of decisions made deliberately, year after year, by people willing to serve.

I have lived briefly in other towns and traveled often, including back to the country where I was born. Nothing has matched this place. Every return ends the same way: the moment I am back in Madison, I am home. When I see this city ranked among the best in the country to live in, I am not surprised — I have been quietly making that case to anyone who would listen since the day I landed.

I have tried to give back where I could. My volunteer work has been modest in scale but steady: fifteen years on the board of the Wisconsin Tamil Sangam, including a term as its president; five years volunteering with the Association of Indians in America; and ongoing support for local charitable efforts. I mention these not as credentials, but as evidence of what I believe about civic life — that it is built by the people who keep showing up.

Professionally, I bring more than thirty years in technology leadership — budget and vendor management, public-sector program delivery under federal contract, formal compliance and audit processes, and the protection of sensitive personal data. My résumé is enclosed; I believe these are practical skills for the work this Council does.

After twenty-four years of receiving from this city, I would like to spend some time giving back to it. I respectfully ask that you accept my application, and I would welcome the opportunity to interview for this position.

With gratitude and respect,

Manohara Mohanram

Enclosure: Résumé

MANOHARAN MOHANRAM

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STATEMENT OF INTEREST

A Dane County resident and business owner with more than 30 years of experience leading technology programs, managing budgets and vendor contracts, and running formal compliance and audit processes. Has lived and worked in the Madison area since 2002 and founded a Wisconsin-based consulting firm here in 2011. Has served on the governing board of statewide, ethnic community nonprofits continuously since 2010, including a term as its president. Brings to public service a practical record of stewarding budgets, documenting decisions, and building consensus among people with different priorities.

COMMUNITY & CIVIC SERVICE

Wisconsin Tamil Sangam (WITS) — Board Member

Verona / Madison, Wisconsin | 2010 – Present · President, 2015 – 2016

- Fifteen years of continuous service on the governing board of a statewide nonprofit serving Tamil-speaking families across Wisconsin through cultural, language, and community programming.
- As President (2015–2016), led the organization’s annual program calendar, volunteer coordination, and operating budget, and represented the organization in the broader Wisconsin community. Led re-incorporation of the organization as 501(c) non profit, and participated in fundraising for remediation of natural disasters in Nepal and Southern India. Provided part of my own home-space to store event materials and banners. Worked with Voluntary groups such Friend of Monona Bay to clean up lake during weekends.

Association of Indians in America (AIA) — Volunteer

2015 – 2020

- Supported community programming, cultural events, and member outreach for one of the longest-established Indian-American community organizations in the United States.
- Actively participated in the organization and execution of India Day celebrations in the capitol.

Charitable Service & Giving

Ongoing

Beyond formal board service, has been a consistent volunteer and contributor to community charitable campaigns supporting veterans and families in need, including TUNNEL-TO-TOWERS and the Hindu Temple, Fitchburg.

RELEVANT STRENGTHS FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE

- **Budget & Vendor Stewardship** — Two decades of cost projection, procurement, contract negotiation, and multi-year budget ownership as a business owner and consultant.
- **Public-Sector Program Experience** — Delivered federal technology programs under 8(a) and GSA contract vehicles; built and supports an Affordable Care Act tax-filing system used for federal and state reporting.
- **Compliance, Audit & Accountability** — Manages annual ISO 27001 and GDPR audits and full control documentation — the same discipline of documented process and audit trail that accountable local government requires.
- **Resident Data Privacy & Records Governance** — Designs protections, retention schedules, and archival policy for sensitive personal and health information (PII/PHI).
- **Technology Modernization & Cybersecurity** — Leads cloud migrations, identity systems, and cybersecurity operations — directly applicable to municipal systems and resident-facing services.
- **Team Leadership & Mentorship** — Has built, trained, and led teams of up to 75 people across the United States, United Kingdom, Europe, and India.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder, Chief Technology Officer & Lead Consultant

Govan Systems — Madison, Wisconsin | 2011 – Present

Owner-operator of a Wisconsin technology consulting and software firm serving clients across the state. Full profit-and-loss responsibility including payroll, procurement, vendor management, and long-range cost planning.

- Owns cost projection, budgeting, and vendor negotiation for multi-year client modernization programs.
- Manages annual ISO 27001 and GDPR compliance reviews, external penetration testing, and complete controls documentation.
- Directs the design and protection of sensitive personal and health data, including privacy controls, retention, and archival.
- Scoped, delivered, and supports a large Affordable Care Act tax-filing application suite used for federal and state compliance reporting.
- Modernizes legacy systems for Wisconsin-based clients and manages security operations including firewalls, intrusion detection, endpoint protection, and identity federation.
- Builds practical AI and automation products, including a commercial real-estate investment portal, workforce sourcing automation, and compliance document processing.

Chief Technology Officer

Genome International Corporation — Madison, Wisconsin | 2002 – 2011, 2011-TILL DATE (PART TIME)

- Directed technical architecture for clinical research systems and in-house product development.
- Led federal technology programs delivered under 8(a) and GSA contract vehicles — direct experience with public procurement, reporting, and oversight requirements.
- Recruited, trained, and managed distributed engineering teams; established in-house training and mentorship programs for consultants.
- Designed and implemented the company's project management process, improving operational efficiency by 30%.

Earlier Career — International Technology Leadership

United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark & India | 1994 – 2002

- **Kinship Technologies, Chennai, India — Technology Director (2000–2002).** Architect and account manager for a web-based international shipping documentation system for Columbia Shipping (Hamburg, Germany); technical manager for Sybase's offshore support center (Boston).
- **Tata Consultancy Services — Project & Account Manager (1994–2000).** Led a 75-person team consolidating more than 300 source systems into a single billing platform for British Telecommunications (Cardiff, UK); managed full telecom operations and billing implementation for Tata Teleservices (India); served as lead mainframe developer at IBM (Portsmouth, UK).

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Master of Technology, Communication & Computer Engineering** — Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-BHU), India
- **Bachelor of Engineering, Electronics & Communication** — Government College of Engineering, Salem, India
- **Data Science, Analytics & Machine Learning** — Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Project Management Professional (PMP)** — 2003 – 2016
- **Certified Quality Analyst** · CISSP preparation, Villanova University