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Hello,

I'm writing to submit my application for Madison District 7 Alder. I wish to serve because I feel a duty to my community after living in Madison for 33 years. As a brown woman, daughter of immigrants, parent of MMSD kids, and someone who went through MMSD from K-12 myself, I think it's crucial to ensure the diversity of our representatives. To be frank, I would prefer that a more experienced BIPOC individual be appointed (I don't have public service experience) but I would love to be considered if nobody who fits that description applies.

As a Madisonian, I'm already particularly interested in initiatives concerning police oversight, dismantling barriers for marginalized people, and increasing access to healthcare and mental health services--I have a mental health condition and a chronic health condition myself. I care about these issues deeply, try to do my part locally, and cover them regularly in my work as a national freelance writer and journalist. As an Alder, I would apply my knowledge in these areas and grasp of science as it applies to health, race, and social justice. I would also bring my awareness of my many privileges, including being on my spouse's healthcare plan, the time that I can choose to afford myself as a freelancer, and my cishet privilege.

In any case, please know that the council can call on me if I can ever be of service in any other way.

Please see attached for my CV, and below for additional details. I appreciate your consideration!

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Best,

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Kavin Senapathy is a freelance writer and journalist covering science, health, medicine, food, parenting, secularism, social justice, and their intersection.

Kavin Senapathy's work appears at outlets like Forbes, SELF Magazine, Slate, The Daily Beast, Undark Magazine, SciMoms, SciShow, and more. She's also a co-founder and contributing editor at SciMoms.com, a site focusing on evidence-based parenting. Her work has reached millions since 2015. She is a member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors. She also serves an advisory role at her parents' local small business, Genome International.

Social Media:

- Facebook: [Kavin Senapathy](#)
- Twitter: [@kxenapathy](#)

Selected Work:

- [The Skeptics Movement Can't Afford to Ignore Racial Inequality](#)—Undark Magazine
- [Why Is Monsanto Inviting This Alt-Right Hero to a Fireside Chat on Farming?](#)—Slate
- [There's a New Drug for Postpartum Depression. But at \\$20K Those Most at Risk Can't Afford It.](#)—The Daily Beast
- [Genomics Has a Diversity Problem](#)—SciShow (writer)
- [Postpartum OCD Is Real and We Need to Talk About It](#)—SELF Magazine
- [On Unsubstantiated Yet Prevalent Therapeutic Interventions For Autism](#)—Skeptical Inquirer
- [Interview with Angela Saini on The Return of Race Science](#)—Point of Inquiry

Selected Education:

- University of Wisconsin-Madison: English literature 2000 – 2005
- EdX and Coursera: Various courses on genomics, genetics, and biotechnology
- Genomics for Journalists Workshop: SciLine and the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign