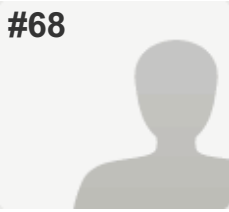


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Q1: Candidate Information

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Q2: Board PreferencesList choice in order of preference (1st, 2nd and 3rd)

1st Choice:	Planning and Zoning Commission
2nd Choice:	Parks and Recreation Board
3rd Choice:	Library Board

Q3: If one of your choices is Museum Board, which term length would you prefer?*Respondent skipped this question*

Q4: Provide the name and the date(s) of prior service, if any, on any Carrollton board:N/A

Q5: Are you currently holding any public office or appointment? If so, what?N/A

Q6: Please list any special knowledge, education or experience that qualifies you to serve in the areas you have indicated and explain why you are seeking an appointment. Also, list any business or personal relationships with the city that might create a conflict of interest or that may affect your ability to serve.

My family has resided in Carrollton since 1979 and I attended Carrollton schools from Pre-K through high school. I went on to Texas A&M University and participated in the Texas A&M Singing Cadets as well as Honors Student Council, Lechner Hall Council, and was twice elected to the Student Senate. After I graduated cum laude from Texas A&M, I attended University of Houston Law Center where I served as Vice-President of the Aggie Law Society and Secretary of the South Asian Law Students Association. While attending school full-time, I also interned with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office 3 days a week. I graduated from law school in 2014 and am a practicing attorney with the Law Office of Mili Patel.

I hope to serve on a city board because this city has given so much to my family and I want to do my part to give back. From middle school to present day, I have tried to serve in any capacity that I can to make my school and community a better place. Carrollton has been blessed to have strong, visionary leaders who think outside of the box. I hope to learn from our elected officials and find ways to build our infrastructure while remaining fiscally responsible.

I selected the Planning and Zoning Commission because it is at the forefront of development. My parents moved to this city because it had great neighborhoods to raise a family and excellent schools. Today, this remains true. However, many people in this city desire to have more shopping and dining options here. I want to be on the Planning and Zoning Commission be a part of redevelopment of Carrollton while making sure we adhere to proper zoning standards.

As a child growing up in Carrollton, I used many of the facilities under the province of the Parks and Recreation Board as well as both libraries. I have fond memories of playing soccer at McInnish and going to the old Carrollton Public Library on Jackson Road. Over the years, the Parks and Recreation Department has introduced many innovations to our park system such as the Splash Park, the Rosemeade Dog Park, and many others. I hope to bring creativity and new ideas to the board so that we can help maintain the high quality of life this city has to offer.

Q7: What do you perceive to be Carrollton's two greatest strengths?

Carrollton's greatest strengths are its diversity and business climate. Over the years, Carrollton has welcomed thousands of immigrants from all over the world, including my parents. This city embraced diversity and many of the new arrivals have thrived. Today there are countless minority owned businesses, from the H-Mart complex to Josey/Beltline. These businesses are increasing our tax base and providing economic development.

Carrollton has been on the forefront of creating new jobs in the DFW metroplex. Businesses have been moving their operations here in both the office and commercial industrial sectors. My law firm chose to set up in Carrollton because it is in a convenient location close to both Dallas and other suburbs. Carrollton has also made great strides in redeveloping current storefronts such as the one at Kelly and Keller Springs. Another innovative tax incentive is the Triple Freeport Exemption which is benefit the many warehouses here.

Q8: What do you perceive to be Carrollton's two greatest weaknesses?

One of Carrollton's weaknesses is that as an inner ring suburb, our infrastructure is getting older. It is incumbent that the city focus on maintaining our roads and sidewalks while continuing to be fiscally responsible. Our city leaders have taken a proactive approach to redeveloping our aging structures. The best example of this is the redevelopment of downtown Carrollton. The addition of several restaurants and the new apartment complex have made this a go-to destination.

Another weakness is losing major anchor stores in our shopping centers. We have lost Target this year alone and it is crucial that we find replacement retailers of a high caliber to prevent these shopping centers from deteriorating. I believe that the city has recognized this problem by redeveloping several shopping centers including the one at Old Denton and Trinity Mills SE Corner.
