

ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)

NOVEMBER 18, 2018 FROM 1:00PM – 3:00PM

CANDIDATE PERSONAL STATEMENT

Amritesh Singh

I and my wife Sunita have been active organizing events in the Temple to the extent that many even do not know that I am presently not on BOT. In the past, I have been Treasurer and Internal Auditor for the Temple providing accurate picture of the financial transactions of the Temple to you the members, to ensure your continuing trust in our Temple. Such Trust leads to donations, large and small, to the Temple knowing that your funds are being used by the Temple appropriately.

In the last couple of years, BOT has taken a turn towards secrecy of its operations. This approach has explicitly made BOT members feel guilty, if they share any information with you. The BOT works on behalf and for you. There is no place for such secrecy. Such policy only builds distrust about what is going on.

I want to bring back open atmosphere in the BOT conduct. I request you to elect me to BOT as your watchdog who will not be afraid to share information with you.

Sincere Thanks for considering my candidacy.



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As a candidate I won't talk about my contributions or achievements at HTS(Hindu Temple Society) because those were are all collective. I won't say that I will fight for you or protect you because I don't want to fight with our own community members nor do I need to protect anybody because the community is supported by bunch of volunteers.

This election is not about any candidate because the temple has grown over the past 50 years without me and I have no doubt that it will thrive for another 50 years or for that matter even another 500 years without me. You have the hard choice of making that critical decision of selecting candidate/s amongst ourselves.

This election is about how we want to grow our future in the best interest of our community. So this election is about nothing but leadership. Please listen to the candidates and make an informed decision. It may not be fair to ask you to vote for me but I think that it is fair to request you to include me in your thought process of selecting a BOT member.

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Chandra Sekhar

I had been in BOT many years ago and have served Temple community in many ways including being Treasurer and Internal Auditor for the Hindu Temple Society. In the last couple of years, I have seen significant erosion in the goals of the Temple, leading to misguided objective of changing the basic founding principles of Democratic Governance of the Temple. For the last forty years, Temple has been very successful in conducting its operations on the principle of equality among members Ir-respective of donation level. We truly believed the fundamental principle of Dharma that donation should be made without expecting anything in return, be it a position in BOT or anything else.

It appears, a voice in BOT needs to be raised to re-establish this basic and simple principle. I would be that voice, and encourage others on BOT to follow the same. If you the members believe in this objective, please elect me to the BOT.

I Sincerely Thank you for your consideration.

Chandra Sekhar



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Rohit Dagli.

My name is Rohit Dagli. I am contestant for the Board of Trustees for the Hindu Temple Society.

I have been working as civil engineer in the New York State Department of Transportation and living in capital district (Town of Colonie & Latham) since 1987. I am married to a lovely wife Nayana Dagli and we have two sons 30 & 25 years old. We are Jain

I have been involved with HTS as volunteer/helper for organizing various activities since moving here.

Over the last few years I have been actively participating / volunteering in various activities at HTS and HCC. Specifically, I am member of Bereavement Support Committee for HTS and I have been parking coordinator for HTS grand Diwali Function for past 2 years. I have also worked as DVD (Desk Volunteer Duty) at the Temple.

I am contesting the BOT election this year (2018) and I am asking for your support.

If elected I will serve the entire Hindu community and serve the HTS to achieve the following goals;

1. Work to unite the community and represent all community (especially after recent events).
2. Work to expand the Temple and HCC as planned so it can comfortably accommodate all attendees / participants.
3. Work to modernize the temple accounting system for donation acceptance and receipt.
4. Work to expand the services offered by temple and assist services to meet the demands / needs of the community.
5. Work to seek more volunteers and support from all members. The temple belongs to all and to be successful all must belong to the temple including volunteering for various activities and support.
6. Work to support current Temple BOT, Temple BOG, & BOD for HCC.

Thank you.

Rohit Dagli.

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CANDIDATE PERSONAL STATEMENT

Veera Venkata Rami Muppidi



Namaskar. I am (Veera Venkata Rami Muppidi) contesting for Board of Trustee (BOT) position at Hindu Temple.

I am a Life member at Hindu Temple, a resident of Albany for 18+yrs, and an ardent volunteer with passion for community service, a strong desire to maintain Integrity, Transparency and ensure the overall growth and Future vision of our community.

I had the great privilege of serving the community for Tricia as a Board of Director (BOD) since 2017, Tricia Executive Committee (EC) member in 2016, Albany Telugu Association (ATA) as a President in 2015 and the ATA Board of Director (BOD) in 2013. Over the years, I have volunteered, promoted and participated in numerous activities of Non-Profit-Organizations like our Hindu Temple & HCC by helping and promoting their cause in the Capital Region.

With your support, I would like to serve our community to accomplish it's goals with great vigor and enthusiasm.

Please consider to support my candidacy. Thank you!

Sincerely,

V V Rami Muppidi

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Niraja Allena

My name is Niraja Allena. I have been living in the Capital District area for over 20 years with my husband Ramana and son Anurag. Working in various religious and cultural teams/committees, I have been a regular volunteer at the temple and HCC for several religious and cultural events. As an active member of the Sunday Brunch team, I have contributed several hours of volunteering. I'm also a member of Temple Bereavement committee to help the community members in difficult times.

I would like to focus on encouraging participation from elderly members and children of the community in the events held at the temple and cultural centers.

I realized in the past three years, I have a better opportunity to effectively implement the goals and visions of Hindu temple Society as a BOT. So, I'm re-seeking election to continue providing my services to the esteemed HTS organization and the wonderful community. I request you to support my candidature. I will still continue to be an active volunteer at the temple and the cultural center.



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CANDIDATE PERSONAL STATEMENT

Ravi Bhat

Dear HTS members,

I am contesting for **HTS Board Of Trustee** position. Thank you for spending your valuable time in reading about me. If you think I am worthy of your valuable vote, please do vote for me at this elections. You can read the entire page or jump down to the points.

We (wife Manita and one year old son Nikhil) moved to Albany in 2001 and were immediately involved in the cultural activities at the temple. Wife Manita as a dancer and choreographer and me as a singer of sorts. The temple was the existing structure what we have today. There were talks of building a cultural center and helped temple management organize 2 fund raisers for the same. In 2007 the cultural center was opened and we were invited/asked by temple management to organize Diwali cultural program, which we did every year and continue doing till date. Later on I was a part of Ganesh Utsav team too handling the cultural program aspects. Over the years we involved the community and are very much grateful for the support the community and performers have given us in carrying out this responsibility. My wife Manita was also part of a wonderful Heritage Class team of teachers for almost a decade. I was requested by prominent community members many times to be on the board but I was not too keen until 3 years ago, when finally I decided to contest and became a trustee (BOT) in 2016. My term ends in 2018 and am seeking to be re-elected as a trustee for years 2019-2021 (max allowable as per constitution in a continuous 9 year period)



Ravi Bhat

In 2016, as part of Kumbh, like-minded and well known members of the community came together to form Albany's first desi band "malhaar" and so far we have had half a dozen shows at HCC. The band members also consist of musicians from neighboring countries and our music spans from bhajans, fusion, retro to current bollywood music. Along with HCC management, every year (since 2013) in February, we also organized a bollywood concert at HCC.

From time to time I also handle the sound/video system requirements at HCC events. Really a "sound person" :) What I am trying to convey here is I work very well with the community, blending with all cultures/regions from India and its neighbors.

Our plate is really full with rehearsals and cultural activities etc but we have also been a part of the HCC brunch volunteer team, cooking and serving the HCC food plate too ☺.

There is a desi population explosion and the existing temple premises are not adequate and the Boards have been looking into expanding the temple premises etc. A lot of funds are needed and if re-elected, I will work with donors in getting funds and putting the expansion project in the right track. The big donors and backing from them certainly made the HCC come up ... once it has stood up, which I can say is doing very well with help of volunteers and rental income ... the temple expansion is needed ... big donors are needed ... our focus should be on temple expansion project. I am part of the team seeking to get reelected with this common major agenda so help us GB.

Most of my time has been devoted in cultural aspects in religious and non-religious events which attract community, which in turn bonds HTS and the community. It may sound frivolous but is a very important part of most of the community seeing the involvement of kids etc ... the future generation!!

Areas in which I have helped/managed in the last 18 years and will continue to do so wherever possible :-

1. Brunch volunteer
2. Desk Volunteer duty
3. Recommending audio equipment/Installation/operation/setup for HCC and major HTS functions.
4. Managing and organizing cultural activities for major HTS events.
5. Secretary of BOT (2016-18)
6. Organizing fund raising music concerts and events (thanks to dedicated local musicians/singers) exclusively for HTS
7. Wife Manita was Heritage class volunteer for almost a decade. We are a family of committed volunteers!!

Thank You,

Ravi Bhat