

San Antonio Arts Commission Mayoral	Application No: No: 20201105113537_10294
ELIGIBILITY	
PROFILE	
Prefix	Mr
Last Name	ARASTU
First Name	SUHAIL
Middle Name	
Suffix	
Preferred Name	
Title	
Address Type?	
Address	
City	
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Zip	78218
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Employer	
Job Title	Advancement
Occupation	not for profit performing arts agency
Board/Commission/Committee Name	San Antonio Arts Commission~Mayoral~~01
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
The City of San Antonio strives for boards and commissions to be representative of our diverse community. Providing the following demographic information is voluntary, and will only be used for statistical and reporting purposes.	
Race/Ethnicity (Please select all that apply):	Asian
Gender:	Male

Age:	35 to 44
Do you identify as a sexual minority (such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, etc.)?	Yes
QUESTIONS	
If this board position requires residency within Bexar County, the City of San Antonio city limits or within a particular council district, do you meet those residency requirements?	Yes
Are you a City of San Antonio resident?	Yes
San Antonio Resident Length - Years	25
In which City Council District do you reside?	10
How many years have you lived in the City Council District where you reside?	15
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own currently have any direct or indirect financial interest in any contract(s) with the City, including subcontracts?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own seek a contract(s) with the City in the foreseeable future?	No
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any sale to the City of any land, materials, supplies, or service?	No
Does your employer or an employer of your immediate family members have a contract with the City?	Yes
List name of employer, family member and describe contract.	Anya Grokhovski, Department of Arts and Culture - operational funding for Musical Bridges Around the World
Do you or any of your family members currently serve or in	No

the past year served as an administrative aide to a Councilmember?	
Do you currently serve in any elected or appointed public government office?	Yes
Please list office, board or commission, your position in that entity and term of service.	Mayoral Appointee, Arts Commission since 2015
Are you a member and/or officer and/or employee of any boards, commissions, corporations, non-profit entities, agencies, or other entities?	Yes
Give the title and dates of any position which you have held in such organization:	Trustee, Mind Science Foundation 2011 2017 Vice President, Board of Directors, Musical Bridges Around the World 2011 2014 Arts and Culture Chair, Anuja Chennai, India - San Antonio Sister City 2011 Present Executive Committee, Muslim Cultural Heritage Society 2011 Present Board of Directors The Roosevelt Library 2014 -- Present Executive Committee, San Antonio Museum of Art - Contemporary Collectors 2012 -- 2014 Board of Directors, Gemini Ink 2014 -- 2017 Board of Directors, Constitution Cafe 2015 -- Present Board of Directors, Lone Star Art Alliance India Chair 2015 -- Present Cultural Planning Group, Centro San Antonio 2015 -- 2017 San Antonio Public Arts Commission, Mayors Appointee 2015 -- Present San Antonio, Tricentennial Commission Arts and Culture Committee 2015 -- 2017 Distinction in the Arts Selection Committee 2016 World Affairs Council Marketing Committee 2016 -- 2017 American Institute of Architects Emerging Professionals Committee, Ambassador 2016 -- 2018 iDoYoga Advisory Board 2016 -- Present San Antonio Symphony Transformation Task Force Mayoral Appointee 2018 Sister Cities International Board of Directors Appointed by San Antonio Mayor and Board Chairman, Ron Nirenberg Arts and Culture Representative 2020 Inaugural Virtual Summit Planning Committee 2018 -- 2020 San Antonio Book Festival Advisory Board 2018 -- 2023 Chairman Performing Arts, Film and Music Committee - San Antonio Commission 2020 -- Present Rivard Report Board of Community Advisors 2020 -- Present Sister Cities International Honorary Board Global Arts Envoy India Representative (since 2018) 2020 -- Present Roosevelt Library Artistic Committee Chairman 2019 -- Present The Plaza Club Weston Centre Founding Board of Governors Artistic Committee 2020 -- Present Conrad Smiles Scientific Advisory Board 2020 -- Present
Do you receive any compensation for service on this entity(ies)?	No
Do you intend to seek election or appointment to any public office or board or commission in the foreseeable future?	No
Have you ever been hired for a	No

position with the City of San Antonio?	
Describe your Educational history.	2003 University of California, Berkeley Bachelor of Science Molecular and Cell Biology, Emphasis in Neurobiology Bachelor of Arts Classical Civilizations, Emphasis in Ancient Rome and Greece
Describe your Professional History & Certification designations (Current and historical).	2008 Yoga Instructor Certification Fort Lauderdale, Florida Following study of Vinyasa Yoga in the Hatha form, attained Level IV certification 2015 Leadership San Antonio, Class XL 2017 NCCDP Alzheimers Disease and Dementia Care Live CDP Certified Dementia Practitioner 2018 Marshall Memorial Fellow - German Marshall Fund 2020 40 Under 40 - San Antonio Business Journal 2020 Ordained Minister Universal Life Church
Describe your Volunteer Experience & Community Service	I was was raised in San Antonio, Texas and studied Neurobiology and Classics at The University of California, Berkeley where I competed as an NCAA Gymnast. In Philadelphia I began graduate studies before moving to a small Japanese mountain village for a year of contemplation, deep sea fishing, hiking, skiing and teaching. I then travelled the world by ship under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council before returning home in 2008. I work in Institutional Advancement for Musical Bridges Around the World, a non-profit performing arts company charged to unite, educate and inspire through culturally diverse visual and performing arts. I served two terms as a Trustee of The Mind Science Foundation, one term on the Board of Directors of Gemini Ink and am the Arts and Culture Chair for Anuja San Antonio - the organization managing San Antonios Sister City Relations with Chennai, India. I am the Mayor's appointee to the Public Art Commission and chair the Performing Arts, Music and Film Committee. I also enjoy serving on the Board of Directors of Constitution Cafe and The Lone Star Art Alliance. I was elected to Class XL of Leadership San Antonio and completed a Marshall Memorial Fellowship in Spring of 2018 in August of the same year I was appointed to serve on the Board of Sister Cities International, a Washington DC based organization that grew out of the League of Cities under President Eisenhower: I serve as the India representative to the Global Advisory Team and Arts and Culture representative to the national board as well as a committee member, moderator and facilitator for the organizations Inaugural Virtual Conference in 2020. I was named 40 Under 40 by the Business Journal in 2020 and sit on the Community Advisory Board of the San Antonio Report. I lead Yoga privately and at Yoga in Motion while serving on the Advisory Council of International Yoga Day - a declaration adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2014. A collection of my photographs from seven continents was shown at PechaKucha Volume 5.
Please provide a brief narrative outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to this board or commission:	Arts have the power to unite and inspire. Art resonates universally and in times of challenge, people turn to the arts whether culinary, architectural, literary, performing, musical or visual. The Arts Commission has a vital role in advocacy, support and making our City aware of the arts available to the public at large. As we have viewed past City budgets through an Equity Lens, I believe that an approach through the Arts Lens will advance our community to greater heights. The arts are an economic driver and the creative industry is a glue across sectors.

	I will work to advocate for art, artists and arts agencies in my role as commissioner.
APPLICATION SIGN-OFF	
<p>As a board, commission, or committee member, you will be asked to adhere to: Code of Ordinances, City of San Antonio, Part II, Chapter 2, Article IX, Sec.2-534. All board and commission members must file a Financial Disclosure Report with the Office of the City Clerk upon appointment, and annually thereafter, throughout the member's term. Failure to file a Financial Disclosure Report within the time required by the City's Ethics Code will be considered an automatic removal.</p>	
<p>I understand that if any member of the public makes a request for information included in this Application for Appointment, most of the information must be disclosed under the Public Information Act. I understand that the City of San Antonio will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of highly private matters by seeking an Attorney General's opinion in accordance with the Public Information Act. I understand that it may not be legally possible to maintain the confidentiality of such information, and I hereby release the City of San Antonio, and its agents, employees and officers, from any and all liability whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Public Information Act or any other law requiring its release.</p>	Acknowledged
<p>OATH: I have read and understand the guidelines set out in this application. The</p>	Acknowledged

foregoing statements are true, accurate, and complete. I agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in my disqualification for appointment.	
Enter Your Name	Suhail Arastu
Date of submission.	11/5/2020
The Texas Public Information Act provides that each government official may choose whether to allow the public access to the information in the custody of the City that contains your home address, home telephone number, or reveals whether you have family members. Please note that this does not apply to business addresses, which are subject to public disclosure. If an open records request is filed requesting to view or obtain records that contain your personal information, the City will take steps to protect your personal information as authorized by the Texas Public Information Act, but only if you have elected to protect personal information.	
I want the public to have access to my Home Address.	No
I want the public to have access to my Home Telephone Number.	No
I want the public to have access to my Social Security Number.	No
I want the public to have access to my Emergency Contact Information.	No
I want the public to have access to my Family Information.	No
Please attach any additional information, such as a current resume, using the Attachments	

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