

## Mahesh Kapadia - Nominee for HSCF GC Term: 2021-22

### **Background:**

My family are long term residents of the area – since 1983 - and we have served our temple almost since its inception. Whether we were part of the temple administration or not, we were always a crucial part of two important HSCF functions – namely Navrathri and Annakut.

### **HSCF Volunteer Service:**

I have served in several key positions at HSCF. I was the religious secretary for the years 2012 thru 2017. Before that, I also served HSCF as a Vice President as well as Maintenance secretary. Religious and maintenance portfolios are quite demanding not only requiring a lot of personal time person but teaming up and working cooperatively with fellow members.

During my term as a religious secretary, I have achieved followings.

- ▶ I worked towards building harmony and genial atmosphere and, in doing so, was able to work with all communities regardless of their regional affiliations
- ▶ Was able to reduce unnecessary expenses for the temple events & daily poojas.
- ▶ The online priest booking system was implemented for the first time during my tenure, avoiding delays and overbooking. Gave us the ability to track booking and monitor duty timings easily.
- ▶ Added several events such as back-to-school Saraswathi pooja for the students, Sita Ram Kalyanam, Radha Krishna Kalyanam along with Balaji Kalyanam during Brahmotsavam.
- ▶ We hired a fourth priest to serve our community needs and enhance revenue.
- ▶ As a temple official, I took the time to be present on-site most days of the week to ensure things are getting done efficiently and on time. I believe spending time at the premises is crucial for effective supervision, discovering and correcting bottlenecks and providing quality service to devotees
- ▶ Very importantly, I was able to oversee purchases, track their use, eliminate wastage and duplication.

### **Other Volunteer Service:**

I have also volunteered in many capacities at our temple, including Auditorium maintenance, assisting all our priests during temple events, driving them to buy groceries & catering to their other needs. In many cases, I was able to co-opt volunteer to help with small maintenance activities such as Small electrical jobs, plumbing, roof gutter cleaning and even A/C filters replacement.

### **My Guiding Philosophy**

Regardless of what position I am offered or take, I will:

- See me as a servant of the temple.
- Ensure that service to our devotees is the highest cause and priority. All else are next in line.
- Promote ownership of our temple activities among our devotees.
- Endeavor to achieve all- community participation.
- Make my physical presence often in the temple premises.
- Ensure that all meetings I chair will be open and held under sunshine.
- Create a professional working environment.
- Bring my talents into the team but work as a cooperative team member

Regardless of whether or not I am elected or seated in the GC, I will continue to volunteer at HSCF.



## Together, sky is the limit

