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**Occupation** Entrepreneur/Innovator/Mortgage Broker/Student

**Are you a resident of Multnomah County? (Yes/No)** Yes

**Do you work in Multnomah County? (Yes/No)** Yes

**Why do you want to serve on this advisory committee?**

I am a passionate advocate for things and people that I believe in. I have been passionate about Portland since I moved here more than fifteen years ago; I love this city and everything it has to offer. I am also very passionate about sustainability and innovation. I am currently an MBA candidate in Sustainable Business at Bainbridge Graduate Institute, [www.bgi.edu](http://www.bgi.edu), I will graduate in June, 2012. I have been an entrepreneur and innovator for the past seven years. I believe this position is a perfect combination of my skills, talents and passions and that my experience and local and global connections will be an asset to the committee.

I believe in the quadruple bottom line – People, Planet, Purpose and Profit. I have completed two out of three years of my MBA in Sustainable Business at the pioneering Bainbridge Graduate Institute, our entire innovative program is taught through the lens of sustainability. I have been immersed in the field of sustainability and sustainability education for the past two years. I have been an entrepreneur running my own mortgage business for the past seven years; previously I was in the software industry for eight years. I lived and worked in Dublin, Ireland from 2003-2004. I have been fortunate enough to have travelled to more than twenty-five countries all over the world, many of them second and third-world countries like India, Nepal, Cambodia, Thailand, and Cuba. Another unique perspective that I bring is that my family emigrated from India when I was eight-months old, so I grew up traveling back and forth as a child and throughout my life. I feel that all of my experience has led me to understand sustainability and living a more sustainable life on many levels, from many different points of view. Recently I moved into an artist/creative/eco-community called Milepost 5 in NE Portland - [www.milepost5.net](http://www.milepost5.net). Some of my greatest gifts and talents include: networking and connecting, sales, business development, marketing, big picture outside of the box thinking, positive attitude, optimism, humor, inclusion, public speaking, empowering others, teaching, creating community, learning, organizing events and people, leadership, and being a catalyst and a passionate visionary.

**Sustainability can be defined as the intersection the economy, social equity and the environment. What expertise or points of view could you bring to the advisory committee?**

Sustainability relates on every level for every program or service the county provides. In order to continue to be sustainable, every service that the city provides must be looked at from the lens of the quadruple bottom line – people, planet, purpose and profit.

**How does sustainability relate to the services Multnomah County provides in the community?**

I am currently the student representative to the board of directors to Bainbridge Graduate Institute, I have a full voting power as a member of the board. I have also been extremely involved with the Diversity and Social Justice committee at Bainbridge Graduate Institute (BGI) for the past two years, serving one year as a co-chair for the committee. I was also on the new dean search selection committee for BGI last year. I have served on the board for DinnerGrrls, a social networking group for women entrepreneurs. I

**Please highlight applicable current or past community involvement, including volunteer work, committee or board experience.**

was a member of Business Networking International (BNI) for 3 years, serving as the Membership Coordinator for 6 months among other leadership positions. I also served on the budget committee for the then named Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability in 2009. I have volunteered for the symphony, Friends of Trees and SOLV among other activities. I have been an extremely active community member and will continue to do so, I believe this position is the evolution of my skills, qualifications, unique experiences and passions.

None that I can think of. I apologize that this is turned in after the 5pm deadline, I had it on my calendar and incorrectly assumed it was due at midnight, since all my school deadlines are at midnight :). I am very deadline oriented!

**Please list any potential conflicts of interest you may have.**

**Signature (Please type full name)**  
**Time**

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10/31/11 - 11:37 pm