

Committee: **Greater London International Airport Authority**

Organization/Sector represented: **London Economic Development Corporation**

Name: **Kapil Lakhota**

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Occupation: **President & CEO**

Work experience: **President - London Economic Development Corporation (2 years)**

Director, Business Development - LEDC (10 years) Instructor, Economics - King's University College (5 years)

Education: **Master of Arts (Economics) - University of Waterloo Bachelor of Arts (Economics) - Western University Ivey Leadership Program Ivey Influence and Persuasion Program**

Skills: **Leadership, Strategic Planning, Community Building, Economic Development, Government Relations, Not-for-profit management, International Business Development**

Interest reason: **Economic development is closely tied to transportation infrastructure and London's ability to efficiently transport people and products. Both LEDC and the Airport would be better served by having closer strategic relationships that would benefit the City of London. As London looks to attract more people and businesses, the Airport has a significant role to play as a community partner. I am interested in helping further the mandate of the Airport, which would in turn help grow our city in the long term.**

Contributions: **As the President of London's lead economic development organization, I have a strong pulse on our city's economic sectors, growth industries, employer needs and overall business climate. My experience with political stakeholders at the local, provincial and national level may benefit the Airport. From strategic planning to raising visibility for London, my background and skills can be leveraged to help raise the Airport's profile, meet its strategic objectives and develop a long term sustainable hub for aviation in south western Ontario.**

Past contributions: **Board of Governors, Fanshawe College Board of Directors, King's University College Economic Developers Corporation of Ontario Children's Museum of London Canada Youth Business Foundation**

Interpersonal: **From the various boards I participate with, I have had significant experience in having positive dialogue with a variety of audiences and communicating in a respectful and professional manner. Boards and organizations are stronger when members have good engagement, debate and discussion. From my international experience, I have interacted with professionals from different countries, religions and backgrounds. This experience has improved my abilities to build positive relationships and respecting the views of others.**

Interview interest: **Yes**