Committee: London Police Services Board

Organization/Sector represented: Canadian Civic Cultural Club (4Cs) / Arabic Community

Name: Mohamed Abuzayed

Occupation: Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC)

Work experience: As a full member in good standing with Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (IRCC), I am authorized to represent clients and work on their behalf in front of Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) including, but not limited to, Refugee Protection Division (RPD), Refugee Appeal Division (RAD), Immigration Appeal Division (IAD), and in front of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). During the past ten years I helped many clients and helped in solving many challenging cases.

Education: I have a BA in English Literature and Language, Masters Degree in Diplomacy, and a Diploma in Canadian Immigration Law. I am a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC): a full member in good standing with Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC).

Skills: I have good strategic planning skills, analytical thinking, drafting, reviewing and proof-reading written materials. I believe in dialogue and team work in the process of making important decisions. I also believe in diversity and inclusion and I have been working hard in the past two years as founding member of Canadian Civic Cultural Club (4Cs) issues related to diversity and inclusion. Other than English, I am fluent in Arabic.

Interest reason: London Police Services has a very challenging mission with growing numbers of diverse communities, new Canadians and new comers here in London. As a new Canadian myself, who helped many new comers, I believe I can help London Police Services Board to improve and enhance many crucial values and policies mainly those related to Inclusiveness and Diversity.

Contributions: I can help in drafting and reviewing policies with focus on the growing nature of London diverse communities.

Past contributions: I am a member of Brookfield Housing Cooperative here in London since 2007, and I served on its Board for a while, and I also served on its Finance Committee. I helped the board to reach decisions how to deal with members who were not committed to their duties according to the Coop. by-laws and regulations. I also helped in putting the budget together with other members from the finance committee. I am also a founding member of the Canadian Civic Cultural Club (4Cs). I helped in putting the vision, mission and goals for the club, and in reaching out to different communities and arranging many awareness and community group gatherings and lectures with main focus on diversity and inclusion.

Interpersonal: During my professional career for the past 23 years, I always believed in team work and dialogue. I always worked hard and have been a good team player as I think that I am a good listener. Also, my educational background in studying diplomacy with colleagues from more than 10 different countries had a positive impact on how to listen, respect and appreciate others different views and find common grounds. Also, I participated in many conferences and peace workshops in different cities around the world that taught me to be a better person in appreciating others' points of view. Finally, living here in London for the past 12 years and raising four wonderful children along with my beautiful wife had a huge impact on my personality and I learned not only to respect others views, skills and abilities, but also working with others from different backgrounds, learn from them and be an active fellow citizen in my London community through volunteering, respecting the rule of law and appreciating the Canadian values.

Interview interest: Yes