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**From:** do-not-reply@cityofls.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2022 11:25 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Committee Interest Form Submission by Debbie Brooks

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The Committee Interest form from cityofls.net was submitted.

**Name:** Debbie Brooks

**Home Address:**

**Email Address:** Brooksdv@umkc.edu

**Phone Number:**

**District registered to vote:** District 2

**Years as a resident:** 16 years

**High School Attended:**

**College Attended:** UMKC School of Law

**Current Employment:** Retired

**Position Held:** Assistant Dean for Admissions and Multicultural Affairs

**Interest Response:** As a long time of resident of Lee's Summit, my schedule finally allows me to participate in making this a stronger community. I possess excellent leadership and team building and management skills.

**Other Activities:** I am the immediate past president of the UMKC Women's Council; past board president of Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey; past Food Advisory board chair for the City of Kansas City. I currently serve as a board member for the following organizations: the UMKC law foundation board of trustees; Kansas City Youth Court; UMKC Multicultural Affairs; UMKC Trustees Scholar mentor; and Vice President of my homes association.

**Interested in serving on:** Diversity and Inclusion Commission, Human Relations Commission

**Current LS Boards:**

**Term(s) Expires:**

**Past LS Boards or other community:**

**Other Interests:** Education

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**From:** do-not-reply@cityofls.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 2:31 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Jennifer Novogoratz

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The Boards and Commissions Application from cityofls.net was submitted.

**I wish to apply for:** Human Relations Commission

**Name:** Jennifer Novogoratz

**Home Address:**

**Email Address:** Jlnovogoratz@gmail.com

**Phone Number:**

**District registered to vote:** District 1

**Years as a resident:** 13

**High School Attended:**

**College Attended:** Missouri s&t, umkc, ucm

**Current Employment:**

**Position Held:** Teacher

**Interest Response:** I've enjoyed serving the last several years and would like to continue.

**Other Activities:**

**Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources:**

**Please elaborate on above:**

**Do you have experience as a/an:**

**Please elaborate on above:**

**Are you a representative of a governmental entity, not-for-profit organization, service agency, organizational alliance, or other group whose mission and purpose is to meet the many health and wellness needs of the residents of Lee's Summit:**

**Please elaborate on above:**

**Current LS Boards:**

**Term(s) Expires:** July 2023

**Past LS Boards or other community:**

**Other Interests:**

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**From:** do-not-reply@cityofls.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:23 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Saadia Mahmood

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**I wish to apply for:** Human Relations Commission

**Name:** Saadia Mahmood

**Home Address:**

**Email Address:** sadnas@hotmail.com

**Phone Number:**

**District registered to vote:** District 2

**Years as a resident:** 7

**High School Attended:** Dr. Norman Bethune C.I. (Toronto, Canada)

**College Attended:** University of Missouri - Columbia

**Current Employment:** NBH Bank (dba Bank Midwest)

**Position Held:** Director of Enterprise Risk/Chief Information Security Officer

**Interest Response:** Lee's Summit is our home. The only way to truly show our investment to our home is through continuous self-reflection to further self-improve and by providing service to support the end goal.

I've had the pleasure of speaking with Mayor Baird and two HRC members, namely, Vanessa Hickman and Astra Garner, to better understand the needs and goals of the HRC. The need is for a committed and excited Commission member to further support the group's efforts. I feel I bring those qualities:

- Committed Teammate: I've been a committed member of the Diversity and Inclusion commission since the beginning. My nature is to be more detail oriented, and goal driven. From a personality perspective, I am a very driven individual. My strengths are in assessing risk. Further, I'm a true dissenter. A true dissenter is needed always to help ensure concepts/ideas are assessed completely from many perspectives before rolling out.

- Zeal for Lee's Summit: My husband and I have chosen Lee's Summit as our home, despite not being originally from here. We're raising our kids here and hope to continue to entrench ourselves with the community. If this community will have an indelible impact on our family, we need to ensure that it's a positive impact. What the HRC is striving to do ties in well with that goal. I love the Day of Kindness effort – it helps improve the community and enables cohesion at the same time. These are the exact values we want our community and family to have.

Personally, I'm a first-generation immigrant; namely, both my parents are from India. I spent nearly a decade of my life in Saudi Arabia and another in Canada. I know what it's like try to fit in and become a member of a new community. In our core family, my husband and I are a mixed-race couple with four children. We near daily must address how to meld our two cultures as well as our religious backgrounds. Our goal is to raise complete human beings who are impactful to the world around them while fitting in and standing out.

I have the privilege of being a member of the D&I Commission. I intend on taking the insights and skills I've gained to the HRC to continue building on the City's efforts to ensure our community continues staying relevant, innovative, and prosperous.

**Other Activities:** - Graduated from the Kansas City Chamber's Centurions Leadership Program (graduated in 2019)  
- Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City – General and Executive Board Member  
o Member for Finance and Risk Management Committee  
- Diversity & Inclusion Commission (Lee's Summit) – Commission Member

**Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources:**

**Please elaborate on above:**

**Do you have experience as a/an:**

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**Please elaborate on above:**

**Current LS Boards:** Diversity & Inclusion Commission (Lee's Summit) – Commission Member  
**Term(s) Expires:**

**Past LS Boards or other community:**

**Other Interests:**

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**From:** do-not-reply@cityofls.net  
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**To:**  
**Subject:** Boards and Commissions Application Submission by Vanessa Hickman

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**I wish to apply for:** Human Relations Commission

**Name:** Vanessa Hickman

**Home Address:**

**Email Address:** vanessamhickman@msn.com

**Phone Number:**

**District registered to vote:** District 4

**Years as a resident:** 16yrs

**High School Attended:** Raytown South Highschool

**College Attended:** Baker University

**Current Employment:** Lee's Summit CARES

**Position Held:** Program Director

**Interest Response:** I am interested in serving on HRC because I simply love this community and I want to be apart of making this community a caring community. I have the ability to build, bring people together, encourage, lead and guide. Even with those skills I can work on a team and support in whatever ways needed. My current position as Program Director has given me experience in managing budgets, creating programs and community building.

**Other Activities:** Lee's Summit Leadership Academy (5/2023 graduate) Current board member of the Ministerial Alliance, Lee Summit Social Service and Youth Court Advisory Board. Member of Sunrise Rotary and newly elected 6/23 Executive Board Member.

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**Please elaborate on above:**

**Current LS Boards:** Current HRC Chair  
**Term(s) Expires:** 2023

**Past LS Boards or other community:**

**Other Interests:** I would be interested in being apart of other boards or commission in Lee's Summit.

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