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District of residence: District 3

Years as a resident: 22

High School Attended: Lincoln College Preparatory Academy

College Attended: Northwest Missouri State University (undergrad)/ UMKC (grad)

Current Employment: ReDiscover

Position Held: VP of Culture and Inclusion

Interest Response: I have lived in Lee's Summit for over 20 years, but as the mother of two young daughters, I have a new investment in our community. Especially considering that for the first time in my career, I now work in Lee's Summit. Working within the city, coupled with parenthood, allows me to see new opportunities for growth to continue to push us to the next level as a community. I view my participation on the Human Relations Commission (HRC) as my vehicle to help accomplish this. My career started as a licensed mental health counselor working primarily with children and families. I have progressive leadership experience having served in roles ranging from director, to president of a small residential facility, to now Vice President at ReDiscover with over 600 employees. In my current role, I utilize my mental health experience to lead, manage and coach ReDiscover's support services (talent acquisition, training, quality improvement, marketing/development, diversity and inclusion) see the vision and contribute to ReDiscover's aspirational culture. I am a collaborative, thoughtful and strategic leader, who's not afraid to think outside of the box to lead change. With that, I offer my professional skill set, lived experience as a Lee's Summit resident and my investment as a parent for continuing to make Lee's Summit an even better place to live and work to the HRC.

Other Activities: I'm on the Board of Directors for Support KC, a non-profit agency that supports over 170 other non-profits across the KC metro by providing financial, HR and governance support. I've been a volunteer at Children's Mercy for five years having served on their NICU Parent-Family Advisory Council, Family Advisory Board, and currently on the Equity and Diversity Council. I'm also an active parent-volunteer at Chapel Lakes Elementary School having supported the school/PTA at the book fair, father-daughter dance, field day, served as a guest reader and kindergarten graduation lead. Active in my sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. KCMO Alumnae chapter focused on a lifetime of scholarship,

sisterhood and service. Contributions are through the chapters physical and mental health committee, and annual youth development scholarship Cotillion.

Interested in serving on: Human Relations Commission

Other Interests:

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