## Dear Sir or Madam:

I am Samir, a proud Westown resident of approximately 25 years, and it is my honor and pleasure to have been nominated to the Westown Neighborhood Association board and to the board of the corresponding B.I.D. I have included my credentials and experience in the enclosed Resume and am using this short bio as an opportunity to highlight my connection to Westown. Right on Wisconsin Avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> street, there is a four-story mix-use building that I am an owner of. It holds several businesses I operate, including a Dunkin-Baskin combo restaurant, retail liquor store, and convenience store. My family arrived to and made Westown home in 1997. Since that time, I have continuously resided here with a couple minor exceptions.

Besides being the location of my residence and businesses, I often spend time exploring Westown by foot, usually with my German Shepherd "puppy," Olliver. Of especial enjoyment to me are all the dining options available in Westown and the events that occur in the neighborhood, as well I enjoy getting to know the larger community of people that live and work here. My friends and family come over to visit often, and we will often walk around the area, explore, and take advantage of the community and its surroundings –it is great to get the perspective of my friends on things as they have a very diverse upbringing, background, and perspective. In addition, I come into contact with a variety of people through the businesses I operate and am able to gain their feedback and opinion of the area, as well.

If approved as a member to these boards, I would support their missions, make it a priority to volunteer, attend and participate at meetings and events, provide the boards my fresh and unique perspective drawing from my various roles in the community, and bring an overall good work ethic and positive attitude.

Thank you for reading this far and considering.

M. Saphir Siddique