

2026 Nomination and Election Committee
Hindu Temple
44955 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48188.

October 5, 2026

Subject: To fills Seven (7) vacancies created in the Temple board for the 2027 Calendar Year.

Dear Life/Donor Members,

Namaste!

There are Seven (7) members of the current Board of Trustees for our Hindu Temple who will have their services end on December 31, 2026. Names of outgoing board members are as follows:

Shailesh Patel, Hasmukh Patel, Madhavan Ranganathan and Somil Shah (3 Years Term) and Nilesh Patel, Bhanu Hajaratawala and Hitesh Patel (1 year Term)

We want to thank these outgoing board members for their outstanding services to our temple over the years.

To fill these vacant positions for the year 2027, as per the Amended and Restated Bylaws of The Hindu Temple approved on January 30, 2022. Current Board has created a N&E committee. The N&E committee's charter is to seek nominations from the qualified temple members and subsequently to manage the process to fill those SEVEN (7) vacancies on the board.

OUR (N&E Committee's) COMMITMENT:

The 2026 Nomination committee wants to assure you that, this nomination process is open to all qualified members (Life Members/Paid Donor Members) and is fully transparent. Nominations for calendar year 2027 will only be accepted through this process.

ACTION REQUIRED:

If you should choose to nominate yourself for a 2027 board of trustee position of our temple, please review this letter and attached forms carefully and submit your nomination package to us postmarked no later than October 23, 2026. Only mailed Nominations which are postmarked October 23, 2026, or earlier are acceptable.

The current bylaws require that you nominate yourself to make sure that you are willing and able to discharge the duties of a trustee. You must be a life member or a paid donor member (\$2500 cumulative donation and annual membership paid by September 15, 2026) to qualify for this nomination or its endorsements. We encourage all able and willing members to get involved in our temple's affairs by nominating themselves to serve on the board.

For the calendar year 2027, vacant positions on the board are as follows:

- **FOUR (4) positions for a 3-year term and**
- **THREE (3) positions for a 1-year term**

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To be considered as a nominee for these openings, eligible members who are qualified, interested, and willing to serve on the Board of our temple should follow the process outlined below:

1. Submit the attached Nomination Form with a signed and dated statement that you are a Life Member or a Duly Paid Donor Member. The Candidate/Nominee shall print his/her name, address, phone number and email address under his/her signature.
2. Submit your latest photo (mobile phone photo is fine) with a bio-data regarding your experience and enthusiasm about volunteering for social, cultural, and religious services. Please limit your bio-data to 250 words.
3. Submit two (2) separate Nomination Endorsement Forms which are signed and dated statements of recommendation by two sponsors who are current year members and are either life Members or Duly Paid Donor Members. Please see attached Nomination Endorsement Form for more details. This endorsement is limited to one nominee per sponsor.
4. Please mail fully completed nomination form, two Nomination Endorsement forms and supporting documents to:

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Please prepare an envelope as described above, place a stamp and mail the package postmarked no later than October 23, 2026.

5. Please text or email Ashok Thekdi to inform him that you have mailed your nomination documents. Also, please keep a copy of all documents for your records. If needed and/or documents are lost in the mail, we will contact you to obtain copies of your submitted documents.

Ashok Thekdi Cell#734-847-2811 Email: okchhaya@yahoo.com

Do not drop off your nomination package at the temple. To be accepted, it must be mailed.

Special notes:

- Eligible members who were Trustees on the Board of the Hindu Temple in 2026 cannot be considered for nomination until they satisfy a 1-year break requirement as per the current bylaws.

Please feel free to contact any of the nomination committee members listed below if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

2026 Nomination and Election Committee

Girish Patel (313-207-1048)
Chairman

Ashok Thekdi (734-847-2811)
Secretary

Members-at-large:
Chandragupta Acharya
Sanjay Bhagat
Urmil Salvi