At-Large Representative Candidate

Himanshu Agrawal

What is your name, the seat you are running for, and one or two lines about you personally?
My name is Himanshu Agrawal, and my friends affectionately call me Shu. I went to UCLA Anderson School of Management, where I got my MBA, and I currently work in finance focusing on the food and beverage industry.

What is your stake in SORO?
My wife and I own a house in SORO. We live in the neighborhood with our one-year-old daughter.

What is your favorite thing about this community?
There are many things I love about this community. What stands out is how much families who live in the neighborhood care about and look out for each other.

I have seen this come across through my neighbors who have always looked out for my family; the several posts on Nextdoor, whether they are about found pets, potential safety threats or simply welcoming families to the neighborhood; and most importantly in current Board members of the SORO neighborhood council who devote so much of their time towards the betterment of our neighborhood.

Five years from now, how might SORO look different, and how would you make that happen?
My hopes and goals for SORO are threefold. In no particular order:

Number one: To further develop and maintain the parks so our families and children can enjoy the outdoors;
Number two: To continue the focus on safety and security for the well-being of our community
Number three: to make SORO a more walking-friendly neighborhood with access to quality dining, shopping and entertainment options like our friends in Beverly Hills and Culver City.

What are your strongest skills and leadership qualities, and how will they be an asset to your work as a board member?
I bring strong analytical and communication skills from my electrical engineering, business and financial services background. I combine my abilities as a problem solver and organizer with my interpersonal skills and believe that consensus building is a way towards achieving greater outcomes.

I hope to work collaboratively with my fellow Board members and the SORO community to accomplish our common goals.

What is one thing most people don’t know about you?
Most people don’t know that I received flight training on hand gliders and single engine turbo-prop planes. I hope to complete my flight training in the near future and get my FAA private pilot’s license.

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