

**Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development**

**Applicant Package - Member**

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**Term:** 07 Dec 2023 - 01 Nov 2026

**Positions Available:** 3

**Number of applicants in this package:** 1

- Kumar, Sagar

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**Board Name:** Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development

**Please confirm Full Name, including middle initial, prefix, and physical mailing address:**

Sagar Kumar

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**In what city district do you live?:**

District 4

**Employer:**

ISKCON of Gainesville

**Phone Number:**

8016151621

**Occupation:**

Non-profit director

**Why are you interested in serving on this board? (Please answer separately for each board you are applying to.):**

I am currently serving my first term on Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development (CACCD) and I cannot speak enough about the great work our City and the several non-profits are doing to help our neighbors. I have found the work at CACCD to be enlivening, thought-provoking, and challenging. It is work that makes a difference in the lives of so many people. For me it is a privilege and a great opportunity to play a small part in making a difference and in helping people. When the pandemic hit, my first reaction was that our non-profit should do more for the broader Gainesville community and we did. We went to several neighborhoods, door-to-door, asking people if they were in need of meals. We met single mothers, the elderly (many who lived by themselves), the disabled, those struggling financially and others who, for one reason or another, were struggling themselves. We saw a great response and that's how the Krishna Cares program began and still continues to this day. Recently, at our monthly CACCD meeting, our city liaison, Ms. Vian, explained where the various fundings go and what the various pain points are of the city. I am eager to keep learning more about how the city functions, what the issues are and how, in my own humble way, I can contribute toward to change and growth.

**How many terms have you served on this board previously?:**

1

**Disclaimer:**

**Under Florida law, all information, including e-mail, written letters, documents and phone messages, sent to the Gainesville City Commission are subject to Public Records law. This includes the sender's e-mail address, home address or phone number if shown in the message, the content of the message and any associated attachments to the mail.**

**Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119?:**

No

**Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behaviour or another reason?:**

No

**What is your gender identity?:**

Male

**Optional: Ethnicity:**

Asian or Pacific Islander

**Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?:**

No

**Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?:**

No

**Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?:**

Yes

**If yes, which City Advisory Board/Committee?:**

Citizens Advisory Committee For Community Development

**Some of the boards and committees appointed by the City Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement?:**

Yes

**Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within the City of Gainesville and Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all city and county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations? \*:**

Yes

**Do you agree with the following statement? Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Advisory Board Handbook." \*:**

Yes

**Do you agree with the following statement? I understand that this completed application is the property of the City of Gainesville, is subject to public record requests and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. :**

Yes

**Time of Submission:** 10/23/23 8:29:30 PM

**Attachments:**

- CACCD Resume.pdf

# Sagar Kumar

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## SUMMARY

Leader with 10 years experience developing mission-aligned programs for an international nonprofit organization. Coached teams of 30+ employees and volunteers. Demonstrated success in overseeing operational productivity and efficiency, initiating improvements to meet new program needs, fundraising, grant writing and management. Good communicator who is highly effective in establishing cooperative relationships and finding common ground across diverse communities and interests.

## EXPERIENCE

**President, ISKCON of Gainesville.(Krishna House), Gainesville, FL** 2018-Present

Role involves independently running a 501(c)(3) non-profit spiritual educational center for University of Florida students

- Provide strategic direction and implement process improvements for the organization in cooperation with a global board of directors
- Primary liaison with University administrators, local government authorities and community leaders for community development
- Lead and administer the programs of the organization, which include serving over a 1000 donation-based meals on a daily basis to University of Florida students, staff and faculty; provide and distribute meals for vulnerable community members in low-income neighborhoods
- Manage the finances of the non-profit, oversee book-keeping and make sure it is compliant with accounting and finance standards
- In response to pandemic, initiated ***Krishna Cares*** and ***Krishna Lunch for Healthcare Heroes***
  - ***Krishna Cares***: provides and distributes meals for vulnerable community members in low-income neighborhoods; established local food bank relationship to meet members' food needs. This program is still going on
  - ***Krishna Lunch for Healthcare Heroes***: provides and distributes daily meals to community healthcare and hospital workers during pandemic; networked with hospitals, clinics, & local community leaders to establish distribution centers; launched fundraising efforts for continued support; managed volunteer teams for intake and food preparation
  - On track to distribute about 25,000 meals to those in need in 2023
- Launched fundraising initiatives and donor cultivation for program initiatives and new facility development. Includes hands-on experience with grant research and writing, grant management and reporting
- Lead a team of 30+ staff through interpersonal relationships, motivation and guidance, and regular performance reviews
- Monitor progress of programs, operations, HR (including staff onboarding payroll and benefits management), facilities and finances (including payroll, bookkeeping and insurance requirements)

- Manage and contract several vendors in different areas like online technical services, website management, professional services, facility management, etc
- Oversee annual audits and 990 tax filing
- Proficient in MS Office, Quickbooks and non-profit CRM (Customer Relationship Management) software

**Member, City of Gainesville's Citizens' Advisory Board for Community Development**  
2020-Present

Appointed to the City of Gainesville Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development (CACCD). 3-year term beginning 2020.

- As a member of the CACCD, receive all applications, conduct on-site visits, hear funding presentations, and make recommendations to the City Commission and City Manager relating to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to serve extremely low, low, and moderate income residents of the City.

**Student Director, ISKCON of Gainesville, Inc., Gainesville, FL** 2017

- Developed the curriculum for daily evening classes on yoga philosophy and character building
- Initiated 5 outreach programs for student involvement and wellness, resulting in enhanced community connection and awareness
- Cared for the well-being of new incoming students of diverse backgrounds

**Development Director, ISKCON of College Park, College Park, MD** 2013-2016

- Established 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization for community development
- As part of the University of Maryland Center for Campus Life, provided personal counseling for 50+ students
- Founded meal distribution program on campus for those suffering from food insecurity

**Executive Secretary, ISKCON Director of Communications, Washington, DC** Summer 2013

- Networked with local cultural and interfaith non-profit organizations to organize panel discussions, meaningful cultural exchange and faith dialogue
- Managed Director's schedule, travel paperwork, and assisted in writing press releases
- Supported Director in networking with members of Congress in matters of interdisciplinary faith and religious freedom

### **EDUCATION and COURSE WORK**

- *Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, University of Florida, 2013*
  - o Dean's List
  - o University of Haifa, Israel, Semester study abroad
  - o Electives in Computer Science, including Computing Core Coursework, Technical Writing, and Legal and Social Issues in Computing
  - o Engineers Without Borders 2009-2012

- Member of a 6 person team that worked towards establishing functional biogas digesters in Cambodia
  - Team liaison for communication with local Cambodian NGO
- Summer Graduate program at PeaceBuilding Institute, Eastern Mennonite University, 2015. Completed graduate level courses with professional honors:
  - Restorative Justice and Organizational Change
  - Facilitating Workshops and Seminars
- ISKCON Communications Course, July 2019

Experience in Trello, QuickBooks, Square, Mailchimp, Wordpress, Google Suite and Canva