

SENATHIRAJAH, Rajah – Additional Information

Who is Rajah?

I migrated from Malaysia with my wife and three young daughters 34 years ago and have resided in Melvista ward since then. My daughters attended Nedlands Primary, MLC and PLC, before graduating from UWA.

After 4 years at the Water Corporation, I worked as Finance Manager at three Local Governments – Swan, Augusta Margaret River, and Nedlands – for over 16 years.

On retirement I wanted to “give back” to the Nedlands community that had nurtured my family all these years. The position of Councillor appealed to me as one where I could apply my educational qualifications, work experience and local knowledge to best serve the community. I nominated and was elected as a Councillor in October 2019.

During my term as Councillor I was a member of the following committees:

Audit & Risk
CEO Recruitment & Selection (Deputy)
Work Force Review and Implementation
WA Local Government Metropolitan Zone

I have also held leadership positions in Community and Service organisations, including Rotary.

Looking Forward

Nedlands City has been going through change “forced upon it” these last four years. If anything, the challenges are set to become more intense in the next four years. I believe that with my professional qualifications, work experience, aptitude for service and local knowledge I can offer balanced and pragmatic perspectives at Council meetings.

If elected, I will strive for:

- Minimum rates increase.
- Financial and environmental sustainability.
- More trees on verges and parks to offset canopy loss due to developments.
- Fit-for-purpose playgrounds and recreational facilities.
- Safe, age-friendly neighbourhoods where all residents can live with dignity.
- Effective advocacy for responsible development.
- Community friendly vibrant Town Centre.
- Open and transparent governance.
- Improved engagement with community, including the “silent majority”.