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TO: RAILS Board of Directors

FROM: Monica Harris, Executive Director on behalf of the RAILS Executive Committee

SUBJECT: Executive Committee Recommendation regarding vacancy of Anupam Goel

The Executive Committee met on December 6 to review the submissions of six candidates to fill the vacancy of Vanessa Villarreal. Three candidates were chosen for interviews which took place on December 17 and December 19. Carolyn Sennett, a Trustee with the Wilmette Public Library, has accepted the appointment and will be present at the January 24, 2025 Board meeting and take the oath of office.

On December 18, Anupam Goel announced he was resigning from the RAILS Board. The Committee met on January 15 to discuss the following options:

1. Add the Public Library Trustee seat to the next election.
2. Open the seat to the current pool of candidates.
3. Repost the position as we did for Vanessa’s vacancy emphasizing that the term goes through June 2027.

Seats up for the 2025 Election:

| Seat | Board member | Notes |
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| Public Library Trustee | Dianne Hollister | This is Dianne's second term and she is not allowed to run in this election |
| At-Large | Rene Leyva | Able to run in the 2025 election |
| At-large | Julie Milavec | Able to run in the 2025 election |
| Public Library Trustee | Vanessa Villarreal vacancy | Filled by appointment 1/2025: Carolyn Sennett |
| Special | Catherine Yanikoski | elected to finish the term of Juanita Harrell (resigned) |

The Committee voted to recommend to the board that the vacated seat of Anupam Goel be added to the slate for the 2025 RAILS Board Election.