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Caucus Statement

One of the reasons I am running is because I think we could benefit from more diversity on town boards and committees - diversity of life experience, thoughts and background. I think it is important that the voices of all of Bedford residents are heard when decisions are being made about our town's infrastructure, schools, community-based organizations and services. I think I would bring a unique perspective to the role of Library Trustee for the Bedford Free Public Library (BFPL).

My husband and I are first generation immigrants and proud, naturalized U.S. citizens who have lived in Bedford for four years. We have two daughters, Aria age 6 and Maya age 10, who are students at Davis and Lane and who keep us closely involved with the schools. I am an active parishioner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church where I am a lead Sunday School teacher for children in grades 1-3. I also chair the church's Fellowship Committee that is charged with conceptualizing and hosting activities to welcome new parishioners while also helping long-time parishioners deepen their connection to a rapidly growing and changing congregation.

I came to Boston over 25 years ago to attend university and received an undergraduate degree in Computer Science from Northeastern University and an MBA from Bentley University. After eight years of working in the software industry, I found myself restless and wanting to do more personally meaningful work. I resigned from my position and took a year off to travel and spend time with family here and abroad. When I returned to Boston, I made the decision to change course and pursue work in a non-profit environment.

For the past 15 years I have worked for a research and development non-profit organization based in Waltham building a portfolio of work focused on K-12 science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education. I am deeply committed to my work to ensure all children have access to a quality education and exposure to meaningful STEM experiences that will build the skills, knowledge and dispositions they need to be successful in life. You can learn more about my work here: <http://ltd.edc.org/people/sarita-pillai>.