



October 4, 2024

Dear Mayor Wilson,

I am writing in request of your support to appoint one new Culture Core Board member.

If approved, the new appointment request would begin on January 1, 2025, to replace Lia Summers, whose final board term expires on December 31, 2024. The requested appointment is:

- Mohan Sudabattula (District 5)

This board appointment request has been approved for recommendation by the Cultural Core Budget Committee to ensure the board maintains robust diversity of geography, professional background, other important considerations in accordance with Division and Mayor's Office recruitment priorities.

Mr. Sudabattula is the founder of the nonprofit called Project Embrace. This organization takes previously used medical equipment that Hospitals are ready to discard and gives these devices to people/communities in low/middle income countries. Active in a number of community projects and events throughout the County, he will bring valuable perspectives and expertise to the Cultural Core Board as we provide important services to City and County residents and arts organizations.

The Cultural Core Budget Committee is made of a total of six members, three appointed by Salt Lake County and three appointed by Salt Lake City, in accordance with the Cultural Core Interlocal. Cultural Core Budget Committee members are appointed for a three-year term with the option to renew for one additional term for a maximum of six consecutive years of service.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Matt Castillo,  
Div. Director, Arts & Culture

Robin Chalhoub  
Dept. Director, Community Services

Attachments: Board Roster, Application, Resume

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# Application Form

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## Profile

Mohan

First Name

Sudabattula

Last Name

Middle  
Initial

Email Address

Project Embrace

Employer

CEO

Job Title

Home Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

Primary Phone

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## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Cultural Core Budget Committee: Submitted

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## Referred by:

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## Qualifications

### Please tell us about yourself.

I am the Founder and CEO of Project Embrace, a healthcare nonprofit dedicated to expanding access to medical supplies, services, and technology for all. Since 2018, I've served over 4,000 patients, garnering recognition on platforms such as the Utah State Legislature, the University of Utah School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Medical School, Stanford School of Medicine, the University of Oxford, the United Nations, and the TEDx stage. My commitment to social impact earned him a spot on Utah Business' "20 in Their 20s" and an invitation to the esteemed Maker Fellowship. This global fellowship includes top Founders from Forbes 30 Under 30, Y Combinator, a16z, Sequoia Capital, the Founder's Fund, and the Thiel Fellowship, all under the age of 35.

## Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

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I am deeply interested in serving on the board of the Cultural Core Committee because I am passionate about making strategic investments in the arts and community programming for downtown Salt Lake City. I believe that creative storytelling plays a crucial role in engaging social impact, helping to draw awareness to pressing social issues. By harnessing the power of the arts, we can innovate new ways to involve our greater community, especially as our city evolves and positions itself on the global stage. Arts-based programming not only elevates the important stories of our city but also serves as a significant economic driver for downtown Salt Lake City. By highlighting our unique cultural narratives, we can attract more visitors, foster a sense of pride among residents, and stimulate local businesses. I am committed to contributing my skills and insights to ensure that our investments in the arts yield both social and economic benefits, enhancing the vibrancy and dynamism of our city.

## What education, work experience, or volunteer experience do you have that applies to the board you are applying for?

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My background is well-suited for serving on the board of the Cultural Core Committee due to a diverse range of educational, professional, and volunteer experiences. I have served on a local art commission board for one year, which has given me valuable insight into the strategic planning and execution of arts initiatives at the community level. For the past six years, I have been running my own nonprofit organization specializing in impact storytelling. This work has honed my skills in using creative narratives to highlight social issues and drive community engagement. Additionally, my active participation in the TED community and the Utah business community has provided me with a broad network of innovative thinkers and leaders. I also have strong and trusted relationships with the state legislature and executive government, which will be beneficial in advocating for and securing support for our initiatives. My regular engagement with local arts-based programming through volunteerism and participation further underscores my commitment to the arts and community development. Academically, I have studied philosophy, biology, and international humanitarian rights at the University of Utah and Oxford University. This diverse educational background has equipped me with a unique perspective on the intersection of arts, ethics, and social impact, which I believe will be valuable in guiding the Cultural Core Committee's strategic investments in the arts and community programming for downtown Salt Lake City.

## What unique perspectives could you bring to the board?

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I bring a unique blend of perspectives to the board, shaped by my diverse experiences in the arts, nonprofit leadership, and active community engagement. Serving on a local art commission board for one year has provided me with a solid understanding of strategic planning and execution in arts initiatives, which will be invaluable for the Cultural Core Committee. Leading my nonprofit organization for the past six years, I have specialized in impact storytelling, using creative narratives to highlight social issues and engage the community. This work has honed my skills in developing and implementing innovative programs that resonate with diverse audiences. In addition to my nonprofit work, I have hosted compelling community events, including musical programming and art exhibitions. These experiences have reinforced my belief in the power of the arts to bring people together, foster dialogue, and drive social change. My involvement in the TED community and the Utah business community has exposed me to a wide array of innovative ideas and best practices, which I can bring to our discussions and initiatives. Moreover, my strong and trusted relationships with the state legislature and executive government will be crucial in advocating for and securing support for our projects. My regular engagement with local arts-based programming through volunteerism and participation underscores my genuine passion for the arts and community development. As our city continues to evolve and set the stage globally, I am committed to leveraging these experiences and perspectives to help the Cultural Core Committee make impactful, strategic investments in the arts and community programming for downtown Salt Lake City.

 Upload a Resume

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## Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

### Are you a Salt Lake County employee?

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Yes  No

### Are you a current member of another Salt Lake County board or commission?

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Yes  No

### Race/Ethnicity \*

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### District \*

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District 4

### Gender Pronouns \*

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### Age Range \*

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### Languages \*

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- English  
 Other

### Political Affiliation

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None Selected

# MOHAN KRISHNA SUDABATTULA

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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### Founder + CEO

Oct 2017 – Present

*Project Embrace*

Salt Lake City, UT

- Founded and built the structure, operations, and Operational Board of Project Embrace
- Oversees key operations, partnership recruitment, and strategic development
- Collaborates regularly with Utah State Legislature on healthcare policy advocacy
- Spokesman for Project Embrace
- Facilitates regular medical service campaigns and has successfully serviced 3,000 patients in 15 total campaigns

### Deputy Field Director

August 2020 – November 2020

*UT Congressional District 4*

Salt Lake County, UT

- Engaged over 700 constituents to GOTV for former Congressman Ben McAdams
- Recruited over 500 volunteers to vote and donate time/funds to the Ben McAdams Congressional campaign
- Regularly spoke on behalf of Ben McAdams' campaign to local community ambassadors and representatives
- Organized outreach events for potential constituents to secure votes for Ben's campaign

### Policy Innovation Fellow

October 2017 – October 2018

*Sorenson Impact Center*

Salt Lake City, UT

- Led team of 5 policy fellows to research social impact strategies for several keystone projects under Sorenson Impact
- Reported directly to the CFO on proposed budget timelines for social impact investments
- Liaised relationships between Sorenson Impact and various government institutions on behalf of private stakeholders
- Implemented 3 successful social impact projects in education, healthcare, and housing affordability

## SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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### International Health Humanities Consortium Conference

April 20<sup>th</sup>- April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

*Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics, Stanford School of Medicine*

Stanford University

- First author of poster presentation titled "The Essential Role of Narrative Medicine in Global Health Ethics & Sustainable Medical Interventions"
- Presented on the importance of qualitative data analysis for global health programming in low-income countries

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Stanford Global Health Research Convening

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*Stanford Center for Medical Innovation, Stanford School of Medicine*

Stanford University

- First author of poster presentation titled "Utilizing Discrepancies in Public Policy to Implement Global Health Solutions".
- Sole global health researcher accepted to speak at Stanford exclusive conference

### 2017 International Health Conference

June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

*St. Hugh's College, the University of Oxford*

University of Oxford

- Spoke to audience of 95+ global health scholars on immediate global health interventions to improve patient care
- Invited to speak on innovative vision of global health introduced by Project Embrace
- Youngest invited orator throughout the history of the International Health Conference

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: Consortium of Universities for Global Health

April 6<sup>th</sup>- April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

*John Hopkins University, and the Makerere University*

Washington DC

- The first author of poster presentation on behalf of Project Embrace disruptive approach to engaging in resourceful medical practices while maintaining simultaneously addressing global health
- Sole undergraduate representative from the University of Utah
- Selected to be published in peer-reviewed journal: "Annals of Global Health 2017", Vol. 83, Issue 1

### Research on Capitol Hill

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

*University of Utah, and the Utah State Capitol*

Utah State Capitol

- First author of poster presentation on behalf of Project Embrace's breakthrough method of addressing global healthcare with minimal expense to established health practices
- 1 of 20 selected University of Utah students present to the 61<sup>st</sup> Utah State Legislature

## **Extreme Affordability Conference 2017: Disrupting Barriers to Global Health**

**January 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

*University of Utah School of Medicine*

University of Utah

- Selected undergraduate student to present to the University of Utah's School of Medicine
- First author of poster presentation on behalf of Project Embrace's breakthrough method of addressing global health inequalities through nonprofit model
- Recognized to be within top 10 poster presentations at the conference

## **INVITED SPEAKER EXPERIENCE**

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### **Keynote Speaker**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*Utah Global Diplomacy*

Salt Lake City

- Keynote speaker for Global Changemakers Symposium
- Addressed student and family audience on the legacy of MLK in our local community
- Audience of 600 attendees

### **Keynote Speaker**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*Waterford School*

Salt Lake City

- Keynote speaker for MLK Day
- Addressed student and family audience on the legacy of MLK in our local community
- Audience of 600 attendees

### **Keynote Speaker**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit*

Salt Lake City

- Invited keynote speaker alongside UT Gov. Cox
- Addressed student audience of 1000 attendees

### **Commencement Speaker**

**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*Montecello Academy*

Salt Lake City

- Commencement address for local charter school
- Addressed graduating class and their families
- Audience of 500 in attendance

### **TEDxSaltLakeCity**

**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*The University of Utah, Kingsbury Hall*

Salt Lake City

- Youngest Speaker in TEDxSaltLakeCity to present
- Spoke on healthcare entrepreneurship and policy disruption
- Addressed crowd of over 3000 attendees

### **New Student Welcome: Class of 2021**

**August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

*The University of Utah, Kingsbury Hall*

University of Utah

- Invited to be student keynote speaker alongside tenured faculty and the university president to welcome incoming class
- Addressed an audience of over 600 including faculty, staff, administrators, and new students with their families
- Youngest speaker to have ever spoken in the history of the "New Student Welcome"

### **UP3C 2016: Technology for Sustainability Conference**

**September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

*P3 Utah: Business for People, Profit, and Planet*

Salt Lake City, UT

- Invited as one of three student presenters to speak at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual UP3C conference
- Addressed audience on the "50 Shades of Green, a Misinterpretation of Sustainability"
- Youngest invited orator to represent the greater SLC community on innovative approaches to sustainability

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## RECOGNITIONS

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1. Maker Fellowship  
*Maker, 5<sup>th</sup> Class* San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York
2. Utah Business' "20 in their 20's"  
*Utah Business Magazine* 2020  
Salt Lake City
3. Utah's "7 for 17" Sustainable Development Goals  
*Utah Council of Citizen Diplomacy* 2021  
United Nations
4. Utah's Missing Piece Award  
*Mental Healthy Fit* 2023  
Salt Lake City

<b>Culture Core Budget Committee Member</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Info</b>
Lia Summers (term expires Dec. 2024)	1	2	Dec 2024	SL County Rep
Grace Lin	1	2	Mar 2025	SL County Rep
Isaac Gonzalez	1	1	Sep 2025	SL County Rep
Kathryn Carlise-Kesling	1	1	Oct 2026	SL City Rep.
Spencer Lawson	1	1	Aug 2026	SL City Rep.
Vacant				SL City Rep.