

## Ward 3 council candidate Sahitya Pendurthi's opening statement

Hello, everyone. Seeing so many people from so many different age groups actually gives me a lot of courage to sit here because I'm sure half of you understand how nervous I am sitting with people with so much experience and so much history with Sackville.

My husband and I moved to Sackville last year. We bought a nice home on York Street. And for me, Sackville is still new, but it's still as dear as it is for all of you.

I wanted to run for town council as a way to give back to the community that has accepted me as their own. Everybody is so loving and kind, but is also so troubled in this little paradise of ours.

I am here to represent a generation that needs to learn how to run this town of Tantramar. We are not going to be able to make the laws today that will not be affecting us 20 years from now. Our parents are seeing that happening to them now. So, we need to get involved today. I am running for democracy. All I ask from you all, which I think you all are here for sure are doing, is please go vote.

Ours is [one of] the 10% of democratic countries in this world. And we need to preserve that. So please vote. Thank you.