



Candidate Name : **Arshad Syed**

Job Title: Solution Architect

About me:

My name is **Arshad Syed**, and I have been a proud **Plano/Frisco resident for 23 years, Alhamdulillah**. Texas has been my home, where I've raised my family and built lifelong relationships through faith, service, and community engagement. Professionally, I serve as a **Solution Architect at Bank of America**, bringing leadership, collaboration, and problem-solving skills to all aspects of my work and community service.

My strengths:

As a **Plano/Frisco community member for the past 23 years, Alhamdulillah**, I have dedicated myself to serving and strengthening our community through active engagement, leadership, and collaboration. Over the years, I have had the privilege to **serve in various positions across multiple non-profit organizations, Islamic centers, and within the City of Plano**, gaining valuable experience in organizational leadership and community development.

I have **initiated and supported numerous youth programs**, focusing on empowering the next generation through mentorship, education, and community involvement. Currently, I am honored to serve as a **Shura Board Member at ICQC**, a role I've held for the past two years.

Experience:

With over **two decades experience serving in various non-profit organizations**, I have been deeply involved in strengthening our community through leadership, collaboration, and service. My journey includes active roles with the **Islamic Association of Collin County (IACC)**, **SEED**, **IAMC**, and the **Plano Public Library Advisory Board**, as well as volunteering with both **Plano ISD and Frisco ISD** to support youth and educational initiatives.

For the past **five years**, I have been dedicated to serving our own **Islamic Center of Qur'an and Community (ICQC)** — first as a **volunteer**, and for the last **two years** as a **Shura Board Member**. My involvement has spanned multiple areas and leading **community initiatives** that strengthen engagement and growth within our masjid.

Through these experiences, I've developed a strong foundation in organizational management, teamwork, and community development — always striving to serve with sincerity, transparency, and dedication.

My Vision: **VISION** includes a Prompt and Delayed Action plan

My vision is to ensure that ICQC remains a **safe, inclusive, and thriving community center**, supporting spiritual growth, youth empowerment, civic engagement, and community development — while preparing future generations to lead with integrity, vision, and dedication.

Prompt Action Plan:

If elected, my focus will be on **strengthening ICQC and empowering our community in the immediate term:**

- **Stabilize and extend the current modular facility** while the permanent masjid is under construction.
- **Launch new youth programs and community/sister events.**
- **Enhance automation and security** to improve facility operations.
- **Promote outreach programs** with other faiths and religions.
- **Strengthen relationships with neighboring communities and the City of Frisco**, involving the Mayor's office, City Council, Police, and Fire Departments..

Delayed Action Plan:

For long-term sustainability and growth, I plan to focus on:

- **Securing funds for the main masjid building** to ensure timely completion.
- **Bringing transparency** in board and organizational operations.
- **Increasing engagement and open dialogue** with board and community members.
- **Establishing a youth mentorship program** to develop future Shura members and leaders.
- **Programs for high school students**, including **SAT and competitive exam preparation.**
- **Creating an endowment program** to make ICQC financially self-sustaining.
- **Making ICQC more welcoming and inclusive**, involving all community members in its growth and programs.

Why should you choose me as your Shura Member?

I seek your support to continue serving as a **Shura Member** at ICQC. With over **23 years of experience** serving **non-profit organizations and Islamic centers**, I bring leadership, dedication, and a deep commitment to our community.

For the past **4–5 years**, I have volunteered at ICQC, and for the last **2 years**, I've served on the **Shura Board** during a critical growth phase — from **acquiring land and starting construction of our new masjid** to **transitioning from a rented musalla to our current modular facility.**

As **IT Head**, I've worked to **improve day-to-day operations, enhance safety, and strengthen community services.** I am committed to continuing this work to build a thriving, safe, and spiritually enriching masjid for generations to come.