***Annisa Wanat***

*Candidate – Local School Council Community Representative*

*Albany Park Multicultural Academy*

*“The cornerstone of democracy rests on the foundation of an educated electorate.”*

*-Thomas Jefferson*

I would like to continue to serve on the Local School Council (LSC) for the Albany Park Multicultural Academy (APMA) in order to do my part to support public education because I believe is the key to our city’s future; to help APMA maximize resources during this time of fiscal crisis; and to utilize my global expertise to help my local community.

First, I believe that key to building stronger communities is to support education by developing the minds of our future teachers, first responders, public servants, innovators, businessmen, and leaders. Since I do not have any children, serving on the LSC is one way I can put my beliefs into actions and support public education and my city’s future.

Second, during the course of my career in international development, I have had to learn creative ways to stretch ever-shrinking budgets while still implementing and evaluating my programs so they met their stated objectives. As the three main duties of the LSC are to approve the budget, develop the School Implementation Plan, and evaluate the principal – and given the current budget crisis that the Chicago schools are facing I feel my experience would be helpful to APMA.

Finally, over the last fifteen years, I have worked with citizens on four continents to improve their communities. I am very happy to be back home in Chicago and serving on the LSC for AMPA, with its diverse community, since December 2013 has been very rewarding. I would like to continue on the LSC as a way to to share my global expertise with a local community that might be more open to ideas derived from working in different cultures.

**SELECT WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Women’s Global Education Project**, Oak Park, IL

*Strategic Planning Consultant*  *Sept. 2013 – Present*

**National Democratic Institute**, South Sudan

*Resident Program Manager Apr. 2012 – May 2013*

**Development Alternatives, Inc.**, Afghanistan

*Regional Director, LGCD**Sept. 2009 – Dec. 2010*

**The ONE Campaign,** Chicago, IL

*Regional Field Organizer Nov. 2006 – Apr. 2008*

**U.S. Peace Corps,** Lovech, Bulgaria

*English Teacher and Volunteer Jun. 1997 – Jun. 1999*

**EDUCATION**

***Indiana University***, Bloomington, IN. August 2002. **Master of Public Affairs** and **Master of Arts.**

***Miami University***, Oxford, OH. December 1995. **Bachelor of Science in Education.**

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Bulgarian: Advanced Serbian: Basic/Intermediate

Spanish: Basic German: Basic