

HTCC Election 2025: Mohan Akella

Dear Devotees,

For those who may not know me, my name is Mohan Akella. I am an ardent devotee and volunteer of this temple, and I have been with the temple since its very beginning. In fact, I am one of the founding members and have proudly contributed to this organization in every way I could, starting with the temple's construction in the early 2000s. My wife, Anu Akella, my children, Deepthi and Rohit, and I have all been active volunteers of HTCC for several decades, and we feel truly blessed to serve the Lord.

I have had the privilege of serving as a Board member for multiple years and in various leadership roles, including as Chair of the Religious Committee, Vice Chair of the Board, and Chairman of the Board in recent years. During my time as Chairman, I worked hard to stabilize the temple's finances by paying off the mortgage and other loans. Once we achieved that, we turned our focus to addressing the longstanding issue of water leaks in the temple, caused by structural issues with the Vimanam.

After successfully resolving the Vimanam issues and leaks, we were able to allocate resources to enhance the Dhyana Mandir by bringing in several new deities. This led us to the vision of building a state-of-the-art cultural center to serve the growing needs of our community. Since 2021, I have had the honor of leading the finance committee for the IHCC Fund Drive, which supports a major \$4 million capital project. Although the opening of this center was delayed by two years for legitimate reasons, we are now nearing completion and are preparing for the opening ceremonies, which will take place in phases starting this year.

Last year, I shifted my focus to the Vimanam restoration project. Thanks to the generous support from all of you, we've raised the necessary funds for this important project. I am proud to share that the restoration is well underway, and we are on track for the new Vimanam to be completed, with a Kumbhabhishekam ceremony likely in August 2025.

But our work doesn't stop here. We have exciting plans for the future, including the construction of a Dwajastambam, following the rituals of the Agama Sastra, which we hope to complete by the spring or summer of 2026. Additionally, we aim to build a permanent Yaga Shala and continue various beautification projects to further enhance our temple grounds.

As we move forward with these initiatives, I am also leading the development of HTCC's endowment fund to ensure the long-term sustainability of our temple and culture. This fund will help preserve and support the temple for generations to come, and I am grateful for the ongoing support from devotees like you.

The progress we have made in the last few years, especially with these capital-intensive projects, would not have been possible without the unwavering support of all of you.

With your continued encouragement, I would be honored to serve on the Board for another three years, continuing the work we've started.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for your steadfast support over the years. With the blessings of the Lord and your continued support, I look forward to working with you to accomplish even greater things for our temple and our community.

Jai Sreemannarayana!