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I wish to serve on RCDSO Council because I believe effective professional regulation requires thoughtful governance, sound judgment and an unwavering commitment to the public interest. I understand that the Council's responsibility is not to represent dentists, but to provide strategic oversight, fulfill its fiduciary duties to the College and support regulation that protects patients and maintains public confidence. As an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, I serve across community-based specialty clinics and hospital settings in Ontario, caring for patients ranging from routine referrals to complex multidisciplinary surgical cases. Working alongside dentists, physicians, nurses, allied health professionals, administrators and patients has strengthened my ability to listen to different perspectives, assess risk, communicate clearly and make careful decisions when patient safety, ethics and professional accountability are central considerations. My academic and research experience has further developed my skills in critical appraisal, evidence-informed decision-making and questioning assumptions. Clinical practice has also taught me that complex problems rarely have simple answers. I value constructive disagreement, remain open to changing my perspective when presented with better evidence and recognize the importance of identifying conflicts of interest and approaching decisions objectively. Practising in varied clinical environments and serving patients from diverse cultural, socioeconomic and geographic communities has reinforced for me the importance of equity, inclusion, cultural awareness and fair access to safe and competent oral health care. Effective governance requires understanding how decisions may affect people differently and ensuring that diverse perspectives are genuinely considered. I would bring to Council a combination of clinical experience, academic curiosity, collaborative problem-solving and familiarity with complex health-care environments. I would approach Council service with integrity, humility, accountability and respect for collective decision-making, while remaining focused on the College's mandate to protect the public and maintain confidence in dental regulation.