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What do you see as the most pressing economic issue in your community?

Education and lack of economic opportunity.

What does a “vibrant community” look like to you?

One where the citizens are well educated and ethical, and government and private industry support and invest in the efforts of their citizens by creating an infrastructure that allows those citizens to be successful.

Anything else you'd like to share?

I am the secretary of the Northeast Ohio Association for Computing Machinery (NEOACM), a local professional chapter of the the ACM (a 501(c)(3) and the world's largest educational and scientific computing society). It delivers resources that advance computing as a science and a profession. As a local chapter of the ACM, we sponsor events such as symposiums, workshops, conferences, panel discussions, etc. These events are always free and open to the public and computing professionals in Northeast Ohio. In the last few years, we have sponsored several talks and panel discussions about Artificial Intelligence. Our purpose is to educate the public about this technology by informing them about ethical concerns and how it will affect their lives positively and negatively. In 2017, we had a panel discussion entitled:

“WE COME IN PEACE”: A PRACTICAL DISCUSSION ON THE IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The panel discussed how artificial intelligence carried some risk and presented complex policy challenges concerning jobs, the economy, ethics, safety, and regulatory questions. It was moderated by Nikola Danaylov, the bestselling author of "Conversations with the Future". He is a speaker, adviser, and founder of Singularity.INFO and host of Singularity.FM. The panel included Doug McCollough, CIO of Dublin, Ohio. Doug expertise is in Smart Cities, Intelligent Communities, and Digital Government. Here is a link to our webpage about this discussion: http://www.neoacmchapter.org/ai_panel2017/

In 2016, we had part 1 of this discussion, entitled: [Can We Stop the AI Invasion? Should We?](#)

We want to continue our efforts of educating the public on Artificial Intelligence in 2019. We are looking for partners to help us promote these talks in our area. So far, we have worked with Youngstown, Akron and Kent State Universities, Artificial Intelligence Journal that financially sponsored our panel in 2017, and a host of other non-profit groups. In 2019, we want to focus on how AI will

affect future of work and the concerns of human rights and AI in Ohio. We are very interested in working with "Your Voice Ohio".