

## Personal Information

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Web3 Venture Capital

## Nomination Statement

I'm Vish I've been in the crypto ecosystem since 2016. Over the years I've embodied the ethos of crypto ie merit and honour over everything else. I first heard of NFTs in 2017 with crypto kitties and punks and thought they were stupid, It wasn't until later in 2018 - 19 that my interactions with community members helped understand why it mattered where did the value lie and what it symbolised. I am a minter of the OG BAYCs my address is on the 1st page of Nansen's Diamond Hands (4859.eth) I am able to spot narratives beforehand such as DeFi, NFT's etc. Was early into the ENS minted 4 digits ens and have 2 full sets of my apes understanding where the value comes from. Was one of the first to understand the value of IP and started speaking to colgate on twitter using my ape handle got turned down multiple times. IP creation and IP value is what drives our ecosystem. Brand recognition is what we built from the ground up as a community. My eth addy is open for all to screen and go through.

## Motivation

I've been part of this journey since day one and been part of every up and down turn. Was there for the treasure hunt was there for dogs, mutants and otherside. I'm an ape from the start and contributing more to an ecosystem I helped build as part of the community is a huge part of my motivation. I have enough skin in the game and my stake is a representation of my belief in the yuga ecosystem. Being a part of the crypto ecosystem from a long period have learnt the skills to spot pitfalls the Jan 2018 trauma is very much alive in me.

## Rationale

I have over years helped crypto projects in small ways early on like in 2019 helped community building for a failed crypto project as a volunteer. In 2020 helped a web3 game in community building and was a moderator under an alias at that time. I was getting a salary from the company to fuel my experiments in crypto. Last year I Joined a web3 VC firm. Helped them in their strategy and ops in a key emerging market and geography. Being part of the Investment team in the organisation helped me analyze and research business models and validate ideas. As an investor in my private capacity earlier and part of my fund now have made me develop first principles-based thinking. I've been an educator and proponent of web3 tech speaking in multiple panels on topics such as DeFi, Regulation , NFT's , Metaverses, Identity.

## Specifications

I've been an educator over the past couple of years speaking to web3 enthusiasts, developers, artists, and founders regularly as a part of my job now and as a passion earlier. Am part of incubator and accelerator mentor programs and have an ear to the ground with regard to technological developments and constantly review new business models. Having helped establish a web3 VC's brand presence and build recognition in a key geography gives me lessons of brand recognition and awareness.

## Concluding Statement

I'm a web3 native since 2016.

Witnessed two boom and bust cycles in crypto,

Minter with regards to the BAYC ecosystem and a couple of other NFTs still diamond-handing it (don't trust me verify on-chain or on Nansen).

Having an understanding of Brand IP and being a proponent of that for the BAYC since June 2021 ask me for proof.

Always have provided unfiltered advice and helped founders, community members, artists and developers.

Believer in the Vision of Yuga Labs

and for missing out on ape fest and all other events cuz of US Visa issues and understanding the need to hold events Globally. Would be willing to have an AMA with the community at any time to answer any questions