

HHPNC Board Vacancy Applications for Second Vice President October 2019

First Name	Last Name	Stakeholder Type	Position	What skills would you bring to HHPNC?	What committee(s) would you be interested in joining or starting?	Why are you interested in serving on the HHPNC?	Personal statement
Andre	Saffold	Resident	Second Vice President	I am a professional who has an interest in the community that I live in and will help create a better environment through utilizing my skills.	City Council	I have a passion for doing good and making an impact in my community.	Throughout my professional career, I have made impactful improvements in my work and personal life to drive success, I am the best candidate for the position as I am in sync with the local activities.
Jose	Martinez	Property Owner	Second Vice President	Commitment and young; I love this community and have been working towards improving it. As an educated Latino man, I feel it's important to look at the roots of a community but not dwell in a romantic past that may be changing. This area is diverse, exciting, and full of opportunity.	I would love to be able to work with City Council to get some representation in issues that affect the Highland Park community. In addition, as an engineer I feel I can add value to responsible development and the community that we serve	I feel it's every person's duty to help make their neighborhood a better one. Highland Park has seen some change and this change has brought improvement in certain areas and slowed us down in others. Finally, I feel that by joining young, I can provide some good insights and good years before giving my post to another fellow stakeholder.	Government has always been intriguing for me and local government has key aspects that affect our day to day. The nature of a position at the Neighborhood Council suits my nature of being a problem thinker and a people person. I have held multiple leadership positions while in academia (over five years ago) and although these positions were different, they taught me that an individual can make a difference by assisting their peers and constituents. Both my Bachelors in Science and my Master in Science (Structural Engineering and Environmental Engineering respectively) have given me some of the tools to sharpen my critical thinking skills and my problem solving desire. I look forward to providing not just a grain of sand but hopefully the concrete foundation that our community needs to front the present and coming challenges!

Christina	Munoz	Resident	Second Vice President	<p>I currently work in the public sector; this is where I learned how to communicate with the public. I have excellent written and verbal skills. My university coursework and work with local governments has taught me how to effectively be organized. I learned how to map and plan out tasks before executing them and how to organize my time. My time management abilities allow me to work at my full capacity without wasting time and staying motivated. I think outside the box and can create effective and efficient strategic plan.</p>	<p>Housing committee Sustainability Finance and Budget Local Business and Economy Land Use</p>	<p>My whole life is rooted in this community, my family, friends, and even my education. I absolutely love my neighborhood, and I want to help my community grow. I am a Political Science major at CSULA with an emphasis in public administration, I have learned a lot and believe that I can be an asset to my community. I am passionate about local government and would like to direct that passion into our neighborhood.</p>	<p>I am extremely passionate about my community, Highland Park shaped me into the person I am today. I want to give back to my community and be part of the changes. I'm a highly inclined and dedicated student with strong interpersonal skills, this qualifies me for the position. I have worked for several local governments where I acquired many skills, such as leadership, work ethics, time management, and organizational skills. I enjoy working with others and believe that my motivation and appreciation for my community will ensure that I can meet the expectations of this role.</p>
Sandra	Valdivia	Work	Second Vice President	<p>I am an extremely passionate person ... whatever I do, I give it my all. I am also fluent in Spanish, I speak the language of the community. As an educator, I am an extremely organized person.</p>	<p>Committees focused on community outreach. Committees dedicated to community involvement.</p>	<p>I want to be able to help my students not only inside of the classroom when it comes to academics, but also serve as their voice and that of their families outside of the classroom in a public forum that directly impacts their everyday lives - our neighborhood council.</p>	<p>My name is Sandra Valdivia and I've been an educator in highland park for 6 years. I have a bachelor in political science and communication from UCLA and a masters in special education from LMU. I've seen our community change, and change is the only thing we can count on. Everyday, I teach students that come from our homes - homes in which they might be facing eviction. Homes in which no adult is home to cook them a warm meal. Homes that are part of a community that is slowly being silenced - and I wants to speak. Speak for my students, their parents, y nuestra comunidad. I wish to be a voice, an ear, and a positive source of ideas to continue improving our community of highland park without leaving anyone behind. I hope my education background as well as my work experience and life experience can be a contribution to this board. I will bring to this position hard word, dedication, motivation, and a constant passion for change.</p>