

HHPNC BOARD VACANCIES FEBRUARY 2020

Roberta Orellana – At-Large Director

What skills do you bring to HHPNC?- I have worked for the Dept. of Rec & Parks for the city of la for over 1 years and have a variety of skills and knowledge I could apply to the HHPNC.

What committee(s) would you be interested in joining or starting?- Sustainability or Outreach

Why are you interested in serving on the HHPNC?- I have lived in highland park my whole life and I love this community

Personal Statement- I love Highland Park and just want to help make our community more inclusive, vibrant, and safe for everyone.

Emily Spokes – At-Large Director

What skills do you bring to HHPNC?- I am one of the founders of the NELA Climate Collective, a main organizer for Immigrant Families Together, an active member of Moms Demand Action, and active member of the Citizens Climate Lobby in Pasadena and the Captain of the Green Team at Lost Feliz Charter School for the Arts. I am an avid gardener, a former magazine editor and every day I aim to be of service to others, particularly those in need.

What committee(s) would you be interested in joining or starting?- Outreach, Arts, Beautification, Culture & Equality, Sustainability, Youth Family and Education, Local Business and Economy, Housing Renting/Homelessness...

Why are you interested in serving on the HHPNC?- I've lived in our neighborhood for six years...I believe in the power of community, of people helping people, and in the need for women to be voices on councils like this and in every government organization. After organizing quarterly get-togethers on my street to unite our neighbors and encourage people supporting each other and getting to know each other, I noticed that, at least on my street, there were neighbors who had lived on the street for decades who were either fearful of one another or simply didn't know each other. The power of community and support is staggering. Our neighbors look out for each other, have fun together, babysit each other's children on the regular and truly LOVE each other. I would love to see more love from the city for this wonderful neighborhood. I'd love to get a community garden (like the one behind the Theatre) in Garvanza park (Jose Huizar once told me it was possible!)...I believe in the power of people working together! I'd love to get more of residents voting, more residents feeling supported. More trees on streets that don't feel the love from the city. I want to be of service to my community and, since the climate crisis affects us all, I want to bring climate advocacy on a micro local level to our neighborhood. "

Personal Statement- As an advocate for equality, environmental justice, women, children and for People of Color, I promise to bring service to the community that has fostered the growth of our family. I want to be part of this council and would serve this community with integrity, joy and purpose. It would make my life more meaningful to be

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Brian Bullen – At-Large Director

What skills do you bring to HHPNC?- I work in Labor and Progressive Politics and have a background in Communications

What committee(s) would you be interested in joining or starting?- Outreach committee and others where needed

Why are you interested in serving on the HHPNC?- I love Highland Park and want to serve the community

Personal Statement- It is very important to me to promote Highland Park, but to preserve its sense of community. It is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Los Angeles and very unique. I want to keep that spirit.