

Name	Vacancies	Why are you interested in serving in the HHPNC Board vacancy	What skills would you bring to the HHPNC?	What is your level of commitment to serving on the HHPNC?	Personal Statement
Joan Potter	Treasurer	They need stability in the treasurer's position that I can provide.	Lots of previous experience as treasurer, and my methods are highly structured.	Should I find that my system and tight listed approach are welcome, I could work comfortably for as long as needed. I am not highly driven, but I am concerned.	In the past, I found that a Finance Committee had no volunteers and no usefulness, and so I did not hold FC meetings in spite of the by-law edict. If there are board members and stakeholders currently willing to serve, and the board lays out what it would like the Finance Committee to do (SPECIFICALLY), then we will meet. I have no interest in trying to fill the Finance Committee seats. It has been beyond my ability in the past.
Matt Saunders	At-Large Director	As a resident home owner in Highland Park for the last 13 years I feel a compulsion to become involved in the betterment of my local community.	I am a skilled public speaker with many years experience managing businesses. I have strengths in team building and conflict resolution. I am currently running a local school board election in Manhattan Beach about 30 miles from Highland Park. The skills required to be a campaign manager are similar to that of a director at large: manage the campaign's fundraising efforts, designs, advertising, communications, and volunteer operations. Additionally I, wrote speeches, website copy, communication materials. I think a good Director At Large will do the work to understand materials before meetings, and they will be able to communicate their ideas in a clear, concise message. I think the most important skill is to be able to listen to members of a community, and work hard to turn those words into actions. That has been the best part of an undoubtedly challenging school board campaign: talking to members of the community, having an ear to the ground, and making people feel heard. Additionally, I have work in film PR (in association with Emily Lu Aldrich at one point) and the attention to detail, organizational and clerical skills have transferred well to more managerial roles.	Considering my current employment status and close proximity to the council meeting place I am fully committed to assume the duties required.	I purchased a home in Highland Park 13 years ago with my wife and shortly after became a father to a beautiful daughter who proudly boasts her Highland Park born and raised status. As a former general manager to a local business I have been intimately involved in the growth and struggles of this storied neighborhood and have a tremendous appreciation for its history. I've loved this neighborhood since day one but understand the complexities of its recent growth and feel I have a unique perspective on how to move forward this progress while serving all views of this rich historical neighborhood.
Duncan Gregory	At-Large Director	I believe it's important to give back to your community. I just moved to Highland Park, and I can think of no better way to learn about and have a closer relationship with my neighborhood. As a new resident here, I want to be respectful and listen to long-time residents, and help out wherever I can.		Whatever the job requires! I'd like to join some committees and be helpful where I can. I have just moved here, so I won't be moving again any time soon.	I want to take a moment to acknowledge the fact that I am a new member of this community. I am 26 years old, I'm white, I grew up in Los Angeles, went to New York for college and have now returned to live in Highland Park. It is completely fair to say that I don't know Highland Park perhaps as well as other members of the council, and that I am not the type of person you want in a leadership position here. If on the council or not, I will absolutely still be looking for volunteer opportunities within the community, I'll continue to meet my neighbors, and strengthen my commitment and relationship with Highland Park and its history. I view this role not as a way to "make Highland Park better" but to support the people, business and programs that gives this neighborhood a unique and thriving identity. Thanks so much for the consideration, and good luck in your search!