MEET THE CANDIDATES: ELECTION STATEMENTS

The following candidates are running in the 2023 MPOA Board of Directors election:



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I've had the honor and privilege to serve our Montclair Community the last 3 years. When I first ran for the BOD, I had concerns that items weren't being addressed and I wanted to help any way I could. The best way I knew how, was to use my decades of leadership experience in the Air Force and step up with heart and mind open. I'm extremely grateful to everyone who helped elect me to this Board, and I've learned so much about this community. The most important of which is that many times peoples' personal biases, conflicting agendas and "personality conflicts" caused rumors of impropriety about the board. These rumors are completely unfounded. Our BOD and other volunteers work tirelessly to serve this community and I am so proud of everything we all accomplished.

This last year as the Second Vice President, I was able to gain another perspective. I experienced and saw how hard our community works with our management staff. They all put so much time, expertise, love and dedication into their committees, events, and projects. However, I believe from discussions with the Chairs, they want and need more specific guidance and direction from the BOD so they can know they are moving in the direction that the BOD will support. I believe that my experience is paramount to helping guide these committees to work efficiently with management and the BOD in tandem, and make the necessary maintenance, repairs and improvements to our community.

There are several key areas I care deeply about. It is essential that we move to a Single Payer Trash system as soon as possible; many of our sub-associations have used this for the last few years with unbelievable success. We also need to evaluate the dynamic between committees and the BOD to foster open communication and ensure critical issues get to the BOD for action in a timely manner. Fiscal responsibility and equitable guideline enforcement are the other two areas I care deeply about. Please vote for me if you are looking to maximize your HOA fees and reduce bureaucracy impediments. Thank you.



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As a long-time Montclairion, I have been involved in some capacity in Montclair for two decades, from volunteering at events, serving on committees or in different elected roles on the Board. I first moved into Montclair in 2003 and in 2018, we moved to our second Montclair home; I am thrilled to have roots firmly in such a wonderful community to raise our family. Because of my experience, I am familiar with the guidelines, while able to recognize when rules need to be updated and changed. As founder and administrator of Montclair Moms, I have a pulse on the community. The Montclair Moms group exists as a valuable and positive resource. I am a vocal advocate for residents, while also understanding the duality that exists in running the business of the association. It is a balancing act I am accustomed to; in my day job, I am a Compliance Supervisor in the financial services industry. I oversee financial professionals to ensure they follow rules and regulations designed to protect consumers; the same role MPOA fulfills for homeowners in the community - my skillset transfers well.

For years, I have held the mindset that MPOA operations should include open two-way communication and I will continue to persist as an advocate for transparency and keeping the MPOA accountable. The members of the MPOA board are entrusted with decisions that affect home values and quality of life. Montclair must remain both competitive and desirable and I believe this can be accomplished by updating and maintaining amenities in a cost-effective manner. Additionally, we need to be proactive rather than reactive in our planning.

I have been and plan to remain an optimistic and constructive voice in Montclair; I have brought events and changes to our community, and I am readily available to residents: I want to hear concerns, I am open to new ideas and fresh perspectives. With so many points of view, I recognize there are disagreements, not only regarding ideas, but also how to accomplish goals; nevertheless, I believe there is more common ground to be found and I always look for a solution.