

Office of the City Clerk – Election Division

List of Qualified Candidates



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL	BOARD POSITION	CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE BALLOT	WRITE-IN CANDIDATES	CANDIDATE CERTIFICATE DATE
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Residential Tenants Governor	Ziggy Kruse		April 23, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Owner-Occupied Residential Property Owner Governor	Frank Valenti		May 7, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Commercial Property Owner Governor	Juri Ripinsky		May 19, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Commercial Property Owner Governor	Kiwon Ban		May 19, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Owner-Occupied Residential Property Owner Governor	Glenda Kelley		May 20, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	At-Large Governor	Cathy Donovan		May 20, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Business Tenants Governor	Harry Plapinger		May 20, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Business Tenants Governor	Maripat Donovan		May 20, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Residential Tenants Governor	Aracely Ortiz		May 20, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Employees of Service Organizations Governor	Courtney Kanagi		May 20, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	At-Large Governor	Andrew Schwartz		May 21, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Residential Tenants Governor	Joseph LaPenna		May 22, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Residential Tenants Governor	Kimberly Masse		May 22, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Commercial Property Owner Governor	Jenny Weatherholtz		May 22, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Owner-Occupied Residential Property Owner Governor	Edward Villareal Hunt		May 22, 2008
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Owner-Occupied Residential Property Owner Governor	Jirair Tossounian		May 29, 2008* (May 13, 2008)

*Due to an error on the part of the US Postal Service, this application was sent to the County of Los Angeles.

Candidate Statement (optional)

First Name: Ziggy Last Name: Kruse

Hollywood has seen some changes within the last couple of years and I am proud yet humble to say that I was part of those changes.

Hi, my name is Ziggy Kruse and I am running for re-election for the renters representation on the board of the Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council.

I am a German Immigrant and I ~~am~~ lived in Hollywood for the last 10 years - Having the opportunity of experiencing first hand that immigrants have a more challenging life in this community has helped me stay grounded and focused on and in my neighborhood.

In 2004 I initiated an annual neighborhood Holiday Party. I am happy to say that I was given the chance to show that minorities, once brought together, can make an impact on not only everyone's life, but also on a larger scale: Bringing the community, law enforcement and city officials together was something that this neighborhood of ours had ~~not~~ seen before. I am planning on continuing to make this an annual festival.

My personal goal is to have to a united community. A community that stands up to officials that have shown disrespect to the neighborhoods we live in and a community that can and always should be proud to say:
I live in Hollywood and I love it.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: Ziggy Kruse

Date: 05-23-2008

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood

Candidate Statement (c

Board Seat: Commercial Property Owner Governor Date Qualified: 05/19/2008

First Name: Juri Last Name: Ripinsky

Why you should VOTE to Re-Elect Juri Ripinsky for Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council:

My objective in running for a 2nd term as a member of the Board of the HSDNC as a Commercial Property Owner is to promote more public awareness of all the current events and changes taking place in our community and to involve the community stakeholders in defining their neighborhood for the future. I have nearly 30 years experience in improving the complexion of inner city communities and meeting the needs of local business owners and residents - to improve a community for everyone's benefit. I have had the pleasure of being an HSDNC Board member for the past 2 years and have worked hard along side with a devoted group committed to improving Hollywood. I respect all of the Board members for their good work and each of them deserves to be re-elected. The Hollywood Studio District has established a good foundation during its first 2 years. It has a lot more to accomplish - we have a great potential and our best asset is you, the residents. With the many changes occurring and planned for our neighborhood's future, we need good leadership to navigate these changes while preserving a quality of life for the residents. I will represent that interest; the loving families, hard working residents and hard working business owners. We share the same values and have the same goals. Let's make our corner of HOLLYWOOD a family community, where it's safe to spend time with your children and friends, where there is respect for people and property. I look forward to serving my community as a responsible and committed board member for an additional 2 years. Vote for JURI RIPINSKY and let's make good things happen to your neighborhood.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 5/13/08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood
Candidate Statement

Board Seat:
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
OWNER GOVERNOR
Qualified Date: 05/19/2008

First Name: Kiwon Last Name: BAN

I HAVE BEEN A PROPERTY / BUSINESS OWNER IN THE HSDNC DISTRICT FOR 10 YEARS. I HAVE SEEN THE COMMUNITY GROW AND CHANGE, SOME FOR BETTER AND OTHERS TO BAD. I HAVE DECIDED THAT RATHER THAN SIT ON THE SIDE LINE WATCHING THE GAME, I HAVE DECIDED TO PLAY.

MY LIFETIME EXPERIENCE AS A BUSINESS MANAGER AND A PROPERTY OWNER CAN AND WILL PLAY A GREAT PART IN ASSISTING THE COUNCIL IN MAKING INTELLIGENT DECISIONS TOWARD BETTERING THE COMMUNITY THAT WE SO LOVE AND CHARISH.

I ALSO BRING DIVERSITY TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BY BEING THE ONLY KOREAN AMERICAN CANDIDATE.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: Kiwon Ban Date: 5-20-08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood
Candidate Statement

Board Seat:
OWNER-OCCUPIED
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
OWNER GOVERNOR
Qualified Date: 05/20/08

First Name: Glenda Last Name: Kelley

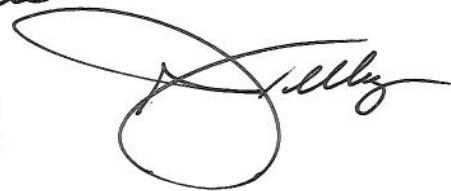
I have served as Treasurer for the H.S.D.N.C. for the last 2 years. I have worked hard and served my community as well as I could by caring about our community, donating time, energy and manpower.

I helped to start the first neighborhood watch for my block. I have learned a lot and hope to learn more.

The HSDNC position of Treasurer has allowed me to fellowship with all kinds of people from all kinds of places.

My 20 years of banking experience hasn't hurt either.

It's been a very rewarding experience. I hope to continue.



5/20/08

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature:  Date: 5/20/08
CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood
Candidate Statement (

Board Seat:
AT-LARGE GOVERNOR
Qualified Date: 05/20/08

First Name: Cathy Last Name: DONOVAN

I have served on the HSDNC for about 1 yr., donating my time, energy, ideas & resources to make our neighborhood a better place to live. I'm willing to continue learning about the diversity of our neighbors & their needs. My business & personal background enable me to understand & assist the council. I'm willing to pitch in & be a hands-on valuable member. I look forward to serving another term doing all I can for my community.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: Cathy Donovan

Date: 5-20-08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

First Name: HARRY

Last Name: PLAPINGER

I was elected to the Board of Governors of the HSDNC two years ago and have served as the Parliamentarian for the Board during that time. My responsibilities have required me to have a thorough knowledge of the By-laws of the HSDNC, the Brown Act and Robert's Rules of Order.

As a member of the Board, I have been part of the many decisions we have made regarding development in Hollywood and the preservation of the many classic homes and buildings in our District. I have supported and worked actively with the community to improve the quality of life in our district.

Our Board has accomplished a great deal these past two years, but there is still a great deal yet to do. I, myself, have learned much about our District and its needs and feel if I am elected to another term on the Board, I can be even more efficient at bringing about changes + improvements so needed in the Hollywood Studio District.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: Harry Plapinger

Date: 5/29/08

First Name: MARIPAT Last Name: DONOVAN

I have been on the Board of the Hollywood Studio Neighborhood Council for 2 years and in that time I have learned more about how my community works.

After visiting and becoming familiar with all parts of our council area. Because of this I am more aware of the needs of the people in our Neighborhood Council.

I will use this knowledge to promote the issues and to improve the conditions for all stakeholders.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: 

Date: 5-20-08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood
Candidate Statement (

Board Seat:
RESIDENTIAL TENANTS
GOVERNOR
Qualified Date: 05/20/08

First Name: Aracely Last Name: Ostiz

I am originally from Mexico.
I grew up here in Hollywood.
Board Member of the HSDNC
for two years.

I have had a wonderful
opportunity to help affect
positive changes in my neighborhood
and I hope to continue.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: Aracely Ostiz Date: 05/20/08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood

Candidate Statement (

First Name: Courtney Last Name: Kanagi

I, Courtney Kanagi, would like to be on the Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council to make a difference in our community. I am part of the HERO (Hollywood Emergency Response Outreach) team and we offer services and shelter to the homeless in Hollywood. My goal is to serve as a liaison between the homeless, service providers, and the community. Thank you for your continued support and concern about the homeless population Hollywood. I look forward to being an active participant in the community.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: Courtney C. Kanagi Date: 05/16/08

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood
Candidate Statement (

Board Seat:
AT-LARGE GOVERNOR
Qualified Date: 05/21/08

First Name: ANDREW Last Name: SCHWARTZ

I AM ACTIVE IN PRESERVATION ISSUES IN HOLLYWOOD.
I AM A BOARD MEMBER OF HOLLYWOOD HERITAGE, INC. -
A NON PROFIT DEDICATED TO PRESERVING HISTORIC
BUILDINGS IN HOLLYWOOD. HOLLYWOOD IS MORE THAN JUST
A LOCAL TREASURE BUT A NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL
ONE AS WELL. IT IS IMPORTANT TO BALANCE
DEVELOPMENT WITH PRESERVATION & NOT PERMIT NEW
CONSTRUCTION THAT IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH
HISTORIC HOLLYWOOD.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: Andrew Schwartz

Date: 5/21/08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Board Seat:
RESIDENTIAL TENANTS
GOVERNOR
Qualified Date: 05/22/08

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood
Candidate Statement (o

First Name: Kimberly Last Name: Mass

I have been working in Hollywood for 2 years, and now that I live in the community I would like to become more involved. This community has improved so much and has so much more potential. I would love to get involved more actively in the process.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: *K. Masse*

Date: 5/22/08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Board Seat:
Commercial Property Owner
Governor
Date Qualified: 05/22/08

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood
Candidate Statement

First Name Jenny Last Name Weatherholtz

My name is Jenny Weatherholtz and, on behalf of Paramount Pictures, I am a candidate for the Commercial Property Owner Governor position.

As a leader in the entertainment industry for over 90 years and one of the largest employers in Hollywood, Paramount has made a significant economic investment in our community and a strong social commitment to our community. Paramount participates on a number of community organization boards and actively supports a wide range of non-profit service organizations and schools, including Santa Monica Boulevard Community Charter School, Van Ness Elementary School, Frances Blend School, Project Angel Food, Aviva Children & Family Services, the Los Angeles Zoo, PATH Hollywood, Aids Project Los Angeles and the LA Regional Food Bank.

In addition, Paramount sponsors Viacommunity Day each year, where over 500 Paramount employees donate a day of their time working at non-profit organizations and schools in the Hollywood area. Viacommunity Day activities have included providing petting zoos for children, planting sensory gardens for blind students, building cabinets and other improvements for homeless shelters and installing new landscaping for other community service organizations.

I joined Paramount Pictures in 2004, and presently serve as a Coordinator in the Government and Community Affairs Department. In this position, I've had the pleasure of getting to know and work with many of our residential and business neighbors and I welcome the opportunity to serve on this Neighborhood Council.

Paramount places a high priority on corporate responsibility and has a representative on the current Neighborhood Council board. I ask for your support of Paramount Pictures as a Commercial Property Owner Governor in this election, so we can continue our contributions on this important board.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature Jenny Weatherholtz Date 5-22-08
Candidate Statement

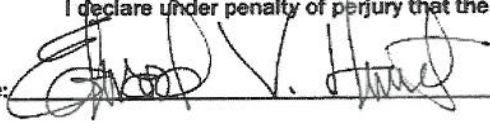
Board Seat:
OWNER-OCCUPIED
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
OWNER GOVERNOR
Qualified Date: 05/22/08

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood
Candidate Statement (c

First Name: EDWARD VILLAREAL Last Name: HUNT

URBAN DESIGNER - 29 YEAR RESIDENT OF HOLLYWOOD
CALIFORNIA ARCHITECT # 11473
CALIFORNIA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT # 2182
2 YEARS AS CHAIR, H.S.D.N.C. PLUM/HOUSING/PARKS COMM.
FORMER BOARD MEMBER HOLLYWOOD HERITAGE
FORMER PRESIDENT, MELROSE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
ADVOCATE FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF HOLLYWOOD,
DOING REAL PLANNING, AND PRESERVATION OF
HOLLYWOOD'S MANY BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC
NEIGHBORHOODS.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: 

Date: 5/22/08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood
Candidate Statement (C)

Board Seat:
OWNER-OCCUPIED
RESIDENTIAL OWNER
GOVERNOR
Qualified Date: 05/29/08

First Name: JTRAIR Last Name: TOSSOUNJAN

HAVING LIVED IN THE MELROSE HILL AREA WITHIN THE
HSDNC FOR 27 YEARS, I HAVE BEEN ACTIVE WITH NOT ONLY
THE ASDNC BUT AS WELL AS THE MELROSE HILL
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, DURING MY YEARS OF HABITANTS,
THE NC HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY, AND IT IS TIME FOR CHANGE,
BEAUTIFICATION AND AREA IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED. AND
THE TIME FOR CHANGE IS NOW!

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: Jivan Tossounjan Date: 5/29/08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council
Candidate Statement (of

Board Seat:
AT-LARGE GOVERNOR
Qualified Date: 06/18/08

First Name: STEVEN Last Name: Whidden

I AM APPLYING FOR THE "AT LARGE"
POSITION AS I AM WORKING WITHIN THE
HSDNC AS OF 6/18/08 FOR AIRLOCK /
ABS AS A CONSULTANT.

ADDITIONALLY, I WAS ONE OF THE
FOUNDERS / ORGANIZERS OF THE HSDNC.

MY INTENTIONS ARE TO LIVE IN
THIS AREA AS WELL.

I RECENTLY MOVED BACK TO
LA FROM FLORIDA WHERE I LIVED AS
THE PAST 4 YEARS.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 6-18-08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT