

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
Mar Vista Community Council	Director: Zone 4	Stephen Boskin		May 12, 2008
Mar Vista Community Council	Director: Zone 5	Christopher McKinnon		May 13, 2008
Mar Vista Community Council	Director: Zone 1	Babak Nahid		May 19, 2008
Mar Vista Community Council	Director: Zone 2	Bill Koontz		May 19, 2008
Mar Vista Community Council	Director: Zone 6	Keith Lambert		May 20, 2008
Mar Vista Community Council	Community Director	Robert Kadota		May 21, 2008
Mar Vista Community Council	Director: Zone 3	Kate Anderson		May 21, 2008
Mar Vista Community Council	Director: Zone 2	Laura Bodensteiner		May 21, 2008
Mar Vista Community Council	Director: Zone 6	Marilyn Marble		May 22, 2008
Mar Vista Community Council	Director: Zone 3	Louis “Chuck” Ray		May 22, 2008
Mar Vista Community Council	Director: Zone 6	Rachel Snowden		May 22, 2008
Mar Vista Community Council	Director: Zone 6	Valerie Davidson		May 22, 2008

Mar Vista Community Council (I
Candidate Statement (O

Board Seat:
DIRECTOR:ZONE 4
Date Qualified: 05/12/2008

First Name: STEPHEN

Last Name: BOSKIN

I, Stephen Boskin, want to continue to serve as a member of the Mar Vista Community Council as the Zone 4 Director. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the MarVista Community Council and have been involved in many activities.

These are some of the things that I have contributed to the community:

- Major fundraiser for the Mar Vista Celebrates
- Liaison to the Mar Vista Seniors Club
- Community Advisory Board of Windward School
- Photographer for the Mar Vista Community Council, Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, the Farmers Market, Mar Vista Celebrates, Big Sunday and numerous local events
- Member of CD11 Senior Advisory Board
- Co-Chair Outreach Committee
- Contributor of articles and photos to Mar Vista Community Council, Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, and SoMar newsletters as well as photo contributions to local newspapers
- Secured the donation, on an annual basis, of hundreds of toys to the LAPD Christmas Toy Drive from the Cobra Club
- Organized the Santa Sleigh Stops at homes through out the neighborhoods of Mar Vista
- Participated in the toy give away at the Pacific Division
- Member of the City of Los Angeles Outreach Task Force
- Actively involved with the outreach program at the Mar Vista Farmers Market

**VOTE FOR STEPHEN BOSKIN FOR ZONE 4
DIRECTOR**

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

Signature: 

Date: MAY 11, 2008

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Mar Vista Community Council
Candidate Statement (

Board Seat:
DIRECTOR: ZONE 5
Qualified Date: 05/13/08

First Name: Christopher Last Name: McKinnon

I am an active stakeholder participant at many Mar Vista Community Council Board meetings as well as attending Urban Planning Committee sessions. I am also a member of the Green Committee of the MVCC.


My community work consists of supporting the North Oval Neighborhood Association, serving as the Treasurer of the South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, member of the board of the Venice Boulevard Streetscape Improvement Association and participant in the Zero Waste Plan conferences of the Sanitation Department of Public Works.

I am a 27 year resident of Los Angeles city and a 10 year homeowner in Zone 5 of the Mar Vista Community Council. My interests for residents and the greater community as they interface with the City Government are in seven main areas:

1. **Infrastructure** as it relates to deteriorated street surfaces, curbs and the impact of traffic, density and over height buildings that affect quality of life.
2. **Safety** and crime prevention is of prime concern within Zone 5 and I would encourage Neighborhood Watch groups and interface with LAPD by MVCC.
3. **Beautification** and landscape maintenance of all City, State and Federal buildings in Mar Vista and encouraging more use of drought tolerant California native plants.
4. **Greening** of Venice Boulevard, funding and implementing the Master Plan to upgrade medians, parkways including pedestrian and bicyclist amenities.
5. **Recycling** at all MVCC board, stakeholder and committee meetings and encourage stakeholders, businesses and City facilities to reduce, reuse, recycle daily.
6. **Fiscal responsibility** in the current budget crisis and review of past MVCC expenditures to gauge benefits to entire community as a guide to future spending.
7. **Inclusion** for all residents, renters, homeowners, businesses and workers including youth and to initiate productive outreach activities to discourage graffiti and crime.

I feel I have the qualifications and experience to give a strong grass roots perspective to the board of the MVCC. I have the ability to support and fight for the needs of the individual stakeholder while understanding the views of business owners, developers, government employees and elected representatives that make up the diverse landscape of Mar Vista.

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

Signature:  Date: May 14, 2008

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Board Seat:

Mar Vista Community Council Candidate Statement (

DIRECTOR: ZONE 1

Qualified Date: 05/19/08

First Name: BABAKLast Name: NAHID

Mar Vista Community Council

Babak Nahid, Candidate, Zone 1 Director, Mar Vista Community Council
"Neighbor Helping Neighbor": www.BabakforMarVista.blogspot.com

Dear Neighbor,

I am seeking your vote so I can actively help protect and improve our community as the Zone 1 Director for Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC).

MY BACKGROUND: I am a 15-year resident of Westside Village in Mar Vista/Palms/Westside Village where my family and I live, work and volunteer. A UCLA alum, nonprofit management consultant and educator, I want to help improve quality of life for everyone by bringing my expertise to the Council.

MY SERVICE HISTORY: My service to MVCC began years ago when my 8-year-old son and I attended a Council meeting to offer to help launch the beautification of Mar Vista Park. Thanks to many hands, today Mar Vista Park is the pride of our community.

Today, as an elected officer of the MVCC Santa Monica Airport Committee, I am working with MVCC, residents and Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution to ensure a safer, healthier airport for all.

With your support, I will use my 15 years of public service (with the American Red Cross, UCLA, Doctors Without Borders and MVCC) to help make our neighborhood's future even brighter.

WHY VOTE FOR ME: Elected or not, I'll continue to offer a helping hand—this is my family's neighborhood, where my son is growing up, where we walk our mutt Dodger, where my family and I work, play, shop and meet up with our friends and neighbors. If you elect and support me, however, I can be even more effective for our community.

My mission is to:

- Promote stronger safety and health standards for the whole community (traffic, crime, airport concerns etc.)
- Increase active participation of diverse stakeholders in the Council, including youth.
- Help celebrate and make visible our neighborhood's rich culture through festivals and other programs

MY PROMISE TO YOU:

- I will strive as a volunteer to listen to and consider all perspectives in my effort to improve quality of life for all residents.
- I will be honest, diligent, and civic-minded in everything I do for the benefit of the community as a Zone director.
- I am running to accomplish good things for our community. Rather than play politics or do many things poorly, I will try to focus on our priorities and my own strengths, so that by the end of my term I can proudly say, I helped—thanks to your support—make Mar Vista's future even brighter.

Please share YOUR suggestions on how to improve our neighborhood at BabakforMarVista.com. Take the 30-second poll and/or the 2-minute survey, email me, or post your concerns and ideas.

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

Signature: Date: 4/29/08

Mar Vista Community Council
Candidate Statement

Board Seat:
Director: Zone 6
Date Qualified: 05/20/2008

First Name: Keith Last Name: Lambert

Thank you for your support 2 years ago. I have been a dedicated member of the board.

As your representative I have championed...

- Keeping the back gate of the Bundy Campus of SMCC closed to traffic. (Stewart Street Gate)
- Safety and Security; Organizing and running a successful public community meeting in the Spring of 2007.
- Keeping the old Fire Station 62 for the community and not letting it be sold by the City.

Also I have reached out to my fellow Zone 6 neighbors to help reinvigorate Ven-Mar Neighborhood Association. Helping them with two newsletters and coordinating some web sites at www.VenMar.com and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/VenMar/>

We live in a very attractive part of the city of Los Angeles. We need to fight for better services and fight with unity for measures that protect us from further erosion of our quality of life. Our Community Council has been, and will continue to be, a strong advocate for our combined well being. I'm glad I can help.

Please find ways you can participate too. Maybe you can be a Block Captain or just sit in on a committee of the MVCC. There is room for you as a Stakeholder to be involved too.

"It is a paradoxical but profoundly true and important principle of life that the most likely way to reach a goal is to be aiming not at that goal itself but at some more ambitious goal beyond it." - Arnold Toynbee

Let's reach for those Ambitious Goals. Smoother running streets. Quieter airport. Better public transit. And a Friendlier Mar Vista.

Thanks for coming out and voting.

Sincerely, Keith Lambert, Zone 6 Director

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

Signature: *Keith Lambert*

Date: 5-19-08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Mar Vista Community Council
Candidate Statement

Board Seat:
COMMUNITY DIRECTOR
Qualified Date: 05/21/08

First Name: Rob Last Name: Kadota

If you've been to the Mar Vista Farmers Market in the past two years, you've probably seen me at the MVCC information booth. I've had the privilege to be at the market almost every week since the market opened August 2006. It's been a wonderful opportunity to met a broad cross section of people both within and outside Mar Vista proper and to talk with them about what they like and what they're concerned about.

I've been an At Large Director for two (2 year) terms now and look forward to the opportunity to serve a third and final term. As the current Chair, I'm proud of MVCC's many accomplishment these past five years yet understand there is more that we can do to better represent and serve the greater Mar Vista community.

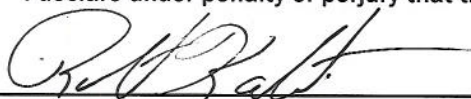
On a more personal note, My family (wife, two daughters, three dogs, three parakeets, fish and maybe chickens) and I have lived in Mar Vista for close to thirteen years. My daughters now attend Palms Middle School and Venice HS. I work at UCLA in student housing. My wife works at the school with the white horse for a mascot (USC). I have a background in counseling, program development and evaluation, crisis intervention, and rape awareness education. I am a volunteer Red Cross CPR/First Aid Instructor, a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member and certified CERT Trainer and have helped host a number of emergency preparedness, safety and security workshops for the Mar Vista/West LA community. I am also an active board member of the Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, the LAPD Pacific Division's Community Police Advisory Board and been very involved in the City of LA's Zero Waste planning process. My occasional hobbies include home brewing, soap making, composting with red worms and home repair/maintenance.

Our neighborhood is in a state of dynamic transition and change. I would like to help Mar Vista retain its charm while helping it develop a more clearly articulated identity that values all of our residents, supports the development of small businesses over chain store conglomerates, that promotes a sense of community and care for our neighborhood, that encourages neighbors to meet one another at the local parks, libraries, restaurants, and shops; a place where we all have an opportunity to feel safe, acknowledged and cared for.

The development of our neighborhood must be done with concern for the people of the community, our environment, our history, our children, and our future.

My real interests in the council are to develop community. Whether it be establishing a Mar Vista Farmers Market where neighbors shop and socialize or help establish a comprehensive block captain program throughout Mar Vista. Our community is a safer, healthier and more caring place if neighbors know one another, care about one another and look out for one another.

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

Signature:  Date: 5-20-08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Mar Vista Community Council

Mar Vista Community Council
Candidate Statement | Board Seat:
Director: Zone 2
Date Qualified: 05/21/2008

First Name: Laura Last Name: Bodensteiner

Laura Bodensteiner
2006-2008 Zone 2 Director

As current Zone 2 Director, I have served on the Mar Vista Community Council for two years. During both years of my tenure, I was elected Secretary for the Council and volunteered as Editor of our quarterly newsletter, the Mar Vista Community News.

As Zone 2 Director, I opposed the proliferation of advertising PAKs (Public Amenity Kiosks) in our area, especially at Colonial Corners. I also facilitated the publication of MVCC advertisements to support the North Westdale Neighborhood Association monthly newsletter.


Additionally, I founded and currently co-chair the Green Committee which seeks to raise awareness of environmental issues and increase sustainability in Mar Vista. Please join us for our regular meetings at the Mar Vista Farmers' Market, usually held on the second Sunday of the month. I have also been an active member of the Outreach and Executive committees.

I earned a Bachelor's Degree from UCLA in Marine Biology, followed by a Master's Degree in Marine Science from San Jose State University. I have worked as a marine biologist for the federal government, the State of California, and a local non-profit organization. Currently, when I'm not volunteering for the Community Council, I'm busy raising my 15-month-old daughter and running my own custom stationery business, Tickled Plum.

We live in a wonderful neighborhood of Los Angeles, and I greatly enjoy serving you as Zone 2 Director. I want to continue working hard for you to make our community a better place.

VOTE FOR LAURA BODENSTEINER FOR ZONE 2

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

Signature:  Date: May 21, 2008

Mar Vista Community Council

Board Seat:
 Mar Vista Community Council Director: Zone 6
 Candidate Statement (Date Qualified: 05/22/2008

First Name: Marilyn Last Name: Marble

Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC)

Candidate Statement

(First name) Marilyn (Last name) Marble

I am a successful business women and now at this stage of my life, I am ready to give back. I live in Mar Vista, residing in Zone 6 of the Mar Vista Community Council area. I am running for a seat on the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors because I believe that the Mar Vista Community Council is a positive and unique vehicle by which residents can work together as a community for the betterment our wonderful Mar Vista Neighborhoods. It is a means by which we can influence the political process and insure that our voices be heard. I want to make a difference in my community, Mar Vista.

I want to maintain our quality of life by working to reduce the adverse impacts of traffic, noise and pollution. I wish to maintain the family friendly atmosphere that is Mar Vista. I am particularly concerned about the increase in jet aircraft traffic at Santa Monica Airport and I will be and active participant on the Mar Vista Community Council's Santa Monica Airport Subcommittee. I will be an advocate for finding solutions to the traffic congestion and traffic cut through problems which plague our neighborhoods, and for using MVCC resources to encourage the City of Los Angeles to adopt appropriate transit solutions for the greater West Los Angeles Area.

I am particularly interested in helping to promote reading skills and drug awareness in our schools. I am the Chairperson of a Westside education and drug awareness program , where we donate dictionaries and drug awareness materials to our local schools. I believe that it is important for the MVCC to work closely with our neighborhood schools.

My focus will be on working together to maintain and improve the quality of life in our Mar Vista Community for all our residents, young, old and all those in between.

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

Signature: Marilyn Marble Date: 05-21-08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Mar Vista Community Council
Candidate Statement (

Board Seat:
DIRECTOR: ZONE 3
Qualified Date: 05/22/08

First Name: Louis "Chuck"

Last Name: Ray

About forty-five years ago, my wife, Sandy, and I bought our home in the Westdale area of Mar Vista. We have enjoyed the many benefits of living in this great neighborhood. Our three children have attended the local schools (Webster Middle School and Venice High School).

I have worked as a software engineer in the aerospace industry, an Adjunct Professor of Quantitative Management at the School of Business and Management of Pepperdine University, and as a Volunteer Executive with the International Executive Service Corp in Bulgaria and Sri Lanka. Currently, I am a Certified Arbitrator to the Better Business Bureau's AutoLine Program.

Recently, I was invited to join the Board of Directors of the Westdale Homeowners Association. This introduction to neighborhood activism has impressed me with how much a very few people are doing to maintain and improve the quality of life in Westdale. I believe that the relatively new Mar Vista Community Council has a splendid opportunity to coordinate and expand on the efforts of the neighborhood associations in Mar Vista.

After a year and a half with the Westdale Homeowners Association Board, I have attended many local meetings where local issues were discussed. I have heard of some good results and quite a few disappointing ones. I believe that, as a member of the Community Council, I can make a positive contribution to maintaining and improving the quality of life in Mar Vista.

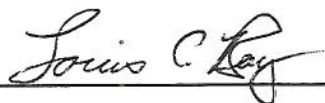
As an elected member of the Council for zone 3, I would work towards making the Council more proactive in fairly presenting the positions of all community stakeholders to the elected members of the Los Angeles City Council and the non-elected heads of the city bureaucracy. The areas of greatest concern to me are:

- Education,
- Crime prevention,
- The Santa Monica Airport,
- Traffic congestion,
- More neighborhood input and control over local development,
- More vital businesses within Mar Vista, and
- A rightful share of support, monies and services from the City of Los Angeles provided to Mar Vista.

I hope to provide and maintain open channels of communication to all stakeholders.

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

Signature: _____



Date: May 22, 2008

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Mar Vista Community Council Board Seat:
Candidate Statement (Director: Zone 3
Date Qualified: 05/22/2008

First Name: Louis "Chuck"

Last Name: Ray

Declaracion de Louis "Chuck" Ray, candidato representando Zona 3

Hace aproximadamente cuarenta y cinco años, mi esposa Sandy, y yo compramos nuestro hogar en el área de Westdale en Mar Vista. Todos estos años hemos disfrutado de las muchas ventajas de vivir en esta gran vecindad. Nuestros tres hijos se educaron en las escuelas locales (Webster Middle School y Venice High School).

Yo, trabajé como Ingeniero de Software en la industria Aeroespacial, Profesor del Adjunto de la Gerencia Cuantitativa en la Escuela de Negocios y de Gerencia de la Universidad de Pepperdine, y como Voluntario Ejecutivo con la Corporacion Internacional de Servicios Ejecutivos en Bulgaria y Sri Lanka. Actualmente, soy Mediador certificado con el Bureau de Mejor Negocios ((Better Business Bureau) para el programa de AutoLine.

Recientemente, me invitaron a que participe como miembro de la junta directiva de la Asociación de dueños de casa de Westdale. Esta introducción al activismo de la vecindad me ha impresionado mucho, al saber la gran cantidad de trabajo que están haciendo un pequeño grupo de gente para mantener y para mejorar la calidad de vida en Westdale. Relativamente, creo que el nuevo Consejo de Comunidad de Mar Vista tiene una espléndida oportunidad de coordinar y de expandir los esfuerzos de todas las asociaciones de vecindad en Mar Vista.

Después de un año y medio de ser miembro de la Asociación de dueños de una casa de Westdale, donde he tomado parte y he asistido a muchas reuniones locales en las cuales se han discutido asuntos locales. He oído hablar de algunos buenos resultados y también de algunos asuntos absolutamente decepcionantes. Yo creo que como miembro del Consejo de Comunidad, puedo hacer una contribución positiva para mantener y mejorar la calidad de vida en Mar Vista.

Como miembro electo del Consejo para la zona 3, trabajare para que el Consejo sea más dinámico, dare justa presentación de las posiciones de todos los interesados en asuntos de la comunidad, a los miembros electos del Ayuntamiento de Los Angeles y a las cabezas no-elegidas de la burocracia de la ciudad.

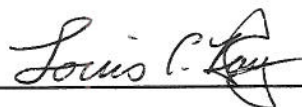
Las áreas que mas me preocupan son las siguientes:

- " Educación,
- " Prevención de crimen,
- " El aeropuerto de Santa Mónica,
- " Congestión de tráfico,
- " Más participación de la vecindad y control sobre el desarrollo local,
- " Mas negocios vitales dentro de Mar Vista, y
- " Una participación justa de la ayuda, del dinero y servicios que la ciudad de Los Angeles proporciona a Mar Vista.

Yo espero entregar y mantener una comunicación abierta con todos los interesados en estos asuntos de la comunidad.

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

Signature: _____



Date: May 22, 2008

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Board Seat:

Mar Vista Community Council Director: Zone 6

Candidate Statement

Date Qualified: 05/22/2008

First Name: Rachel

Last Name: Snowden

Mar Vista Community Council

I live and work in Mar Vista, and I believe that it is a wonderful community with even greater potential. I would like to see greater involvement from the community in the Mar Vista Community Council, particularly from renters, families, and young adults. I believe in coming together as a community we can make quality decisions to positively shape the area where we live and work and invest our time and energy.

I highly value education as a key aspect of any community and would like to see the Community Council become more connected and involved in local schools and various educational support programs in the area. I was a teacher for Los Angeles Unified School District for seven years, three of which were at Mark Twain Middle School. If families and the community and staff work together, the local schools have such great potential, and many schools already have great things happening that the community should know about and support.

Mar Vista is a place of much diversity, and the city of Los Angeles is a big and bustling city that often feels like an isolating place to be, but the impact of coming together as a community is so powerful in shaping each of our experiences here! I look forward to continuing my own involvement in this community, and I hope to serve the community well if elected to the Mar Vista Community Council.

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

Signature: Rachel Snowden

Date: 5/21/08

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Mar Vista Community Council Candidate Statement (

Board Seat:
DIRECTOR: ZONE 6
Qualified Date: 05/22/06

First Name: Valerie Last Name: Davidson

I am a life long activist with a degree in Environmental Engineering from CSU Humboldt. For over 20 years I have been an activist for human and environmental rights in Los Angeles and Washington DC. I am a Los Angeles native and a 10 year resident homeowner of Mar Vista. I support resident and animal rights while cheering on UCLA (Mom was a graduate) and USC (Dad's alma mater). I am a past President of a condominium board for 5 years.

I am active with Concerned Citizens against Airport Pollution and have demonstrated with my fellow neighbors at the recent Santa Monica Airport demonstration and was an advocate against the Playa Vista Intrusion.

I'm currently working with the MVCC and Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTM)/MVCC to create a Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Plan and have gone door to door to meet my neighbors and work with them towards participating in the NTM.

Since 1996 I have attended countless local Mar Vista City Council, Santa Monica City Council, Santa Monica Airport Commission meetings and rallies to support residents' rights including:

- The Fight to stop jets at Santa Monica Airport by attending meetings, writing city officials, participating in protests, door to door awareness building efforts, and flier/advertising planning and execution
- Neighborhood Traffic Plan – Initiated new speed analysis along Rose Ave –to help stop the cut-thru traffic and speeding/safety issues.
- Fought to allow Mar Vista Dogs in the Airport dog park

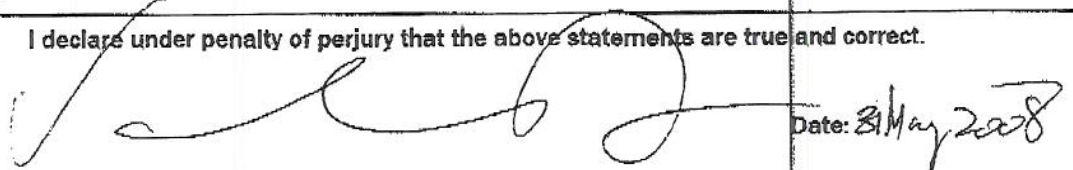
My environmental and residential goals for the community include taking action to:

- **Mitigate the Traffic & Speed Issues** – Working to build the best plan for all Zone 6 Residents
- **Ban C and D aircraft at SM Airport** – Stop the noise, pollution, and risk to our homes and families
- **Build Neighbor Awareness and Spirit** – Ensuring the safety of our neighborhood by knowing our neighbors, and a community watch program
- **Reduce our Carbon Footprint** Building community efforts via better garden planning including native plants and water issues, and enhancement of public transportation in the community
 - Support more native plants and streetscapes and add bike paths
 - Support the planning and protect our neighborhood in the proposed lite rail/subway to the sea efforts
 - Support using existing waterways and rail lines as new bike and walking paths
 - Support Mass transit that is cheap and environmentally friendly
 - Support the rail line to reduce car dependency
- **Propose and advocate to insist that any new development participate in funding mass transit/lite-rail planning to reduce congestion and traffic issues.**

Please support me in protecting our Mar Vista Community and enjoying our friends and family in a safe neighborhood-

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

Signature:



Date: 21 May 2008