



# MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION

**Sunday June 2, 2019  
10am - 4pm**

**LOCATION:**

**Mar Vista Recreational Center  
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista**

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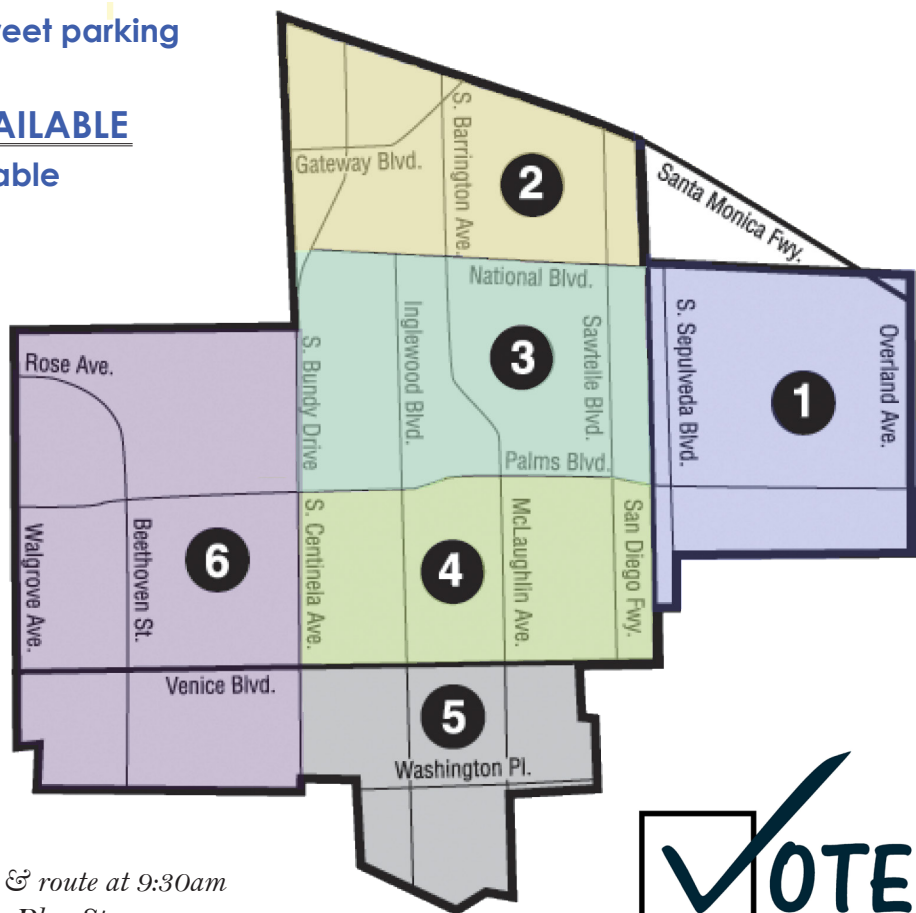
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# AT-LARGE DIRECTORS

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## NATALIE FARNHAM



No Candidate Statement

## CHRISTINE STEMAR



I grew up in Mar Vista and like you am a stakeholder. As a member of the Westside Village Homeowners Association I hold the position of Secretary, and am part of the Community Emergency Response Team for our area. I am a graduate of our new LAPD Community Police Academy. I look forward to

working with and supporting the LAPD as they roll out new community initiatives. I regularly volunteer for outreach programs and ongoing training with them. I am running for the Mar Vista Community Council because Mar Vista has been my home and is my home and I care very much about its future and its stakeholders. The key purpose of the community council is to be advocates for the stakeholders which includes residents, homeowners and business owners as well as their employees. My goal is to be your advocate. I will strive to be and will be an effective advocate, for all stakeholders.

## ANN BICKERTON



I'm running to represent you as an At-Large Director to preserve our neighborhood's quality of life and create a community-led plan for the next decade. I live, work, and found an incredible community here in Mar Vista. With over a decade in nonprofit management working in social welfare and education, I

envision a council that is welcoming, inclusive, and driven by community needs. Using my career experience in social welfare and criminal justice reform, I will focus on the MVCC's collaboration with LA agencies around law enforcement and homelessness. I will also implement a neighborhood input process on the Westside Community Plan update, which guides zoning and development in our area. Lastly, I want to re-energize our online outreach to make sure our community is informed and included. Learn more about me at [bickertonformarvista.com](http://bickertonformarvista.com) and consider supporting my fellow slate members at [marvistamakeswaves.com](http://marvistamakeswaves.com). Thank you for considering me. Gracias por su consideración!

## TYLER LAFERRIERE



Moving to LA two years ago, the community of Mar Vista generously opened its arms to my partner and I, and I wish to further that spirit of hospitality by serving Mar Vista's residents, business owners and stakeholders on the MVCC. In addition to the macro perspective I would bring as a researcher for

the LA County Economic Development Corporation, I would bring my commitment to inclusively shaping this community's future by addressing the needs of all Mar Vistans, homeowners and renters, new and seasoned stakeholders alike. In particular, my term as an At-Large Director would be focused on: planning and land use management; homelessness; transportation and infrastructure; and environmental preparedness and climate change. I would also encourage greater use of social media; increased community awareness and access to MVCC actions and initiatives; and greater collaboration with our Westside neighbors. My name is Tyler Laferriere, and thank you for your consideration

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### GABRIEL HILL



Hello All—I've been a proud resident of Mar Vista since 2006. Currently, I'm the Co-Chair of The Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and The Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee. While serving on these committees, I've developed a new found respect for our community and a deeper understanding of our neighborhood. I'm a big believer in progress, unity and togetherness. Mar Vista has a lot of positive synergy these days and I'd like to see it continue. If you don't know what I'm talking about, check out a few of these examples: Mar Vista Farmers Market, Mar Vista Artwalk and Ciclavia. Not only am I passionate about these events, programs and projects -- I'm a champion of them! If elected as At-Large Director-- I will be an advocate and promoter of Innovation, Community, Safety, Family and the Future of Mar Vista. I would be honored to have your vote on Sunday, June 2nd -- Bring your "Souls to the Polls"

### SUSAN KLOS



In Mar Vista, we stand for community values; quality of life, quality of environment, and inclusion of all people within our community. As an advocate for mental health and homeless issues, I have put my energies into the MVCC Homeless Issues Committee. As co-chair, we have created a Homeless Resource Guide, helped bring the residents in the vicinity of Venice Blvd. at the 405 Fwy. together to address their issues surrounding the homeless encampment there and we are sponsoring educational presentations for the community, "Homelessness 101", (April 28, 2019) which centers on law enforcement, understanding municipal codes, crime related to the homeless, homeless civil rights, etc. and "Homelessness 102", (May 5, 2019) where service providers (LAHSA - LA Homeless Services Authority, Dept. of Mental Health, St. Joseph's Center, Safe Parking, etc.) will explain their role in solutions to homelessness. As a community, we can help find solutions to this citywide homeless crisis.

### ROB KADOTA



I'm asking for your vote to return me to the Mar Vista Community Council. My purpose is to create opportunities for neighbors to meet neighbors, find common ground, and build a vibrant community where people feel like they belong, and care about each other. I have a long history of community engagement and am excited by the prospect to work with both seasoned veterans and newly engaged stakeholders that recognize the incredible opportunities afforded us in serving all of Mar Vista. My current passions include bee keeping, occasional beer brewing, supporting the operation of the MV Farmers Market Free No Parts Bike Repair Stand and Valet Service, public safety, mobility, sustainability, resilience, health and cultural expressions like the Mar Vista Art Walk. I retire from UCLA in the very near future and am excited to both broaden and deepen my involvement in the community.

### VANESSA COLOSIO DIAZ



Building Community Through Connection - As an elected At-Large Director, I will be your neighborhood advocate. I hope to work with the community on Economic Development, Sustainability, Housing, improved Communications, and Cultural Engagement. In my short tenure living in Mar Vista, I have been a member of the Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce, written for the Santa Monica Star and served on the Social Media Club Board. I'm a Public Policy Junior League member, have a Political Science Bachelor's minor, and I'm the founder of a creative services business with clients including a children-focused non-governmental. A CA State Legislature also awarded a Certificate of Recognition for my outreach to low-income minority youth. Spending 15+ years in big cities with small-town roots I relate to varied backgrounds, visions, and experiences. I look forward to representing you, engaging more stakeholders with a diversity of thought, and propelling our neighborhood forward as a community.

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## ROBIN DOYNO



My goals for the Mar Vista Community Council are to encourage civility and increase participation. Hostility at MVCC meetings has a chilling effect on community participation. It is unacceptable that leadership refuses to answer questions from the public. This officious arrogance helps make MVCC

meetings quite hostile. VOTE ACCORDINGLY!\*\*The community would be justified to elect only new faces. The incivility is part and parcel of the dishonesty that goes unchallenged. Either one used to advance a political position is a grave disservice to Mar Vista. \*\*I too am very concerned about homelessness, traffic and development in Mar Vista. \*\*The answer is your participation. Bring back the Aging in Place Committee\*\*Help to re-invigorate the Green Committee\*\*Do not reward those who have helped to make MVCC nearly dysfunctional!\*\*Do not fall prey to the "Anger Wave" that is sweeping our nation and Mar Vista. "Us and Them" politics is futile. If this community is precious let us take care of it

## AARON ELSTER



I was born and raised in Mar Vista and four generations of my family currently reside in Mar Vista. I have never once said I was from Venice... just "near Venice." I say that because now Mar Vista is firmly on the map in its own right, and I am optimistic for its future. I'd be grateful to be able to continue to

play a role on the MVCC. Generally I would support any introduction of residential housing units onto the market, absent extraordinary circumstances, as a solution to escalating rent and homelessness. I believe the city should build thousands of permanent housing units. Locally I will push for a real baseball field at Mar Vista Park, complete with a pitcher's mound, infield grass, and outfield fences. Thank you for your consideration.

## HENRY ELDER



UPDATE - Due to unforeseen circumstances, I will not be running for a position in this election cycle. I continue to support the Mar Vista Makes Waves slate and their unifying message of inclusion and community improvement! <https://www.marvistamakeswaves.com>

## ANDREA AMBRIZ



For Healthy, Vibrant and Safe Communities. As a 20+ year neighborhood resident formerly serving the Obama White House, SEIU labor union, and CA State Capitol, I am an experienced advocate for working families, businesses, and communities. Our neighborhood has been my family's home for years,

and I am committed to infusing my experience working on the frontlines of national and state policymaking to build and nurture our hometown. I believe in inclusivity and the value of engaging our diverse community as we explore area planning and improvement efforts. I will cultivate partnerships with homeowners and renters, businesses, schools and organizations to create solutions to foster, strengthen and protect our communities and economy. Specifically, I will support green, open space and sustainability development; promote local businesses, workers, and organizations; and prioritize safe streets, parks, homes and workplaces. To learn more, visit [AmbrizForMarVista.com](http://AmbrizForMarVista.com). VOTE ANDREA AMBRIZ!

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### SELENA INOUE



Hello! My name is Selena Inouye and I'd be honored to serve as an At-Large Director. I moved to Mar Vista in 1994. I'm a retired clinical social worker who brings a wealth of experience in advocacy, community organizing, outreach, and nonprofit & volunteer management, as well as strong people skills, to

this position. Over the years, my neighbors said they felt left out of the decision-making process when it came to important issues facing our community. These concerns inspired me to become more involved, beginning in 2012 as Block Captain for our Neighborhood Watch. Since 6/17, I've regularly attended Board of Directors meetings, and the Great Streets, Transportation & Infrastructure, Mobility, and Elections & Bylaws committees. You can count on me to: 1) listen to what everyone has to say on the issues, 2) help more of our neighbors get involved with the MVCC, 3) advocate on your behalf, and 4) keep you informed about the projects that will impact you. Thanks for your consideration.

### KATHRYN WHEELER



Mar Vista is a warm, friendly community that provides a "hometown" right in the middle of a major metropolis. Mar Vista families are composed of people from the myriad walks of life on this earth; yet, we are neighbors and call Mar Vista home. I have lived in all but one of Mar Vista's six Zones by

renting apartments, condos, and homes. Only because of Mar Vista's affordable housing were my husband and I able to move from renting to owning. Our decision to raise a family in Mar Vista was due to this being a close-knit community that provides unique opportunities that expand children's minds and experiences. In my B.C. years (i.e., Before Children years), I owned a very successful business here and, today, continue with a different and much smaller business. If you honor me with your vote, I promise to serve you and work for you to the best of my abilities. Please, contact me ([OurMarVista@gmail.com](mailto:OurMarVista@gmail.com)) with your concerns, questions, or just to talk. Or visit [OurMarVista.org](http://OurMarVista.org). Thank you!

### GABRIELLE RIVERA WEISSMAN



I've been a resident of Mar Vista since 2012. I'm a mother, artist, creative person, community activist and small business owner. I believe in achieving gender parity of elected representatives, and I hope more women and people of color are inspired to run for office. I'm a volunteer with Alliance of Moms, and a

member of Fund Her, the National Women's Political Caucus and the West LA Democratic Club. I support humane solutions to the homelessness crisis facing us, especially bridge housing in sensible locations and designated areas for overnight RV parking. I will work with sustainability experts to make practical green initiatives a priority, and will look at alternate bike lanes that are located away from main thoroughfares and safer for bikers. Please vote on June 2nd as it would be an honor to serve as your At-Large Neighborhood Council Director.

### 2019 NC Election Challenges

Any stakeholder who voted in the applicable NC election may file a challenge with the City Clerk to the conduct of that election no later than 5:00 p.m. on the third business day after the first posting of unofficial results.

If you would like to submit an election challenge, please send an email to [clerk.electionsnclacity.org](mailto:clerk.electionsnclacity.org). If you have any questions, please contact City Clerk office at (213) 978-0444 or toll free at (888) 873-1000.

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# COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

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## ELLIOT HANNA



For the past year-and-a-half, I've been a member of the Mar Vista Community Council and I'm currently its Chairman. I've stood up for a number of reforms designed to make MVCC more representative of you, its stakeholders. Key among them: •Forced mandatory conflict of interest disclosures to appear on every

agenda. •Appointed committee co-chairs that represent a cross-section of the community, including people who hold views contrary to mine. •Constituted an Emergency Preparation Committee. •Restructured the co-leadership of the Homeless Issues Committee to create balance-and more equally consider- the needs of the community. •Brought attention to the impact of the homeless encampment on Venice Blvd. and got additional cleanup services to help the impacted residents. During my time on the council, I've done more than offer platitudes: I've taken stands and worked hard to address these and other issues of importance to our community. If re-elected, I'll continue to do so.

## ADRIANA DE LA CRUZ



I have lived in the community since 1974, attended Braddock Drive, Marina Del Rey and Venice High. My abilities and continuous involvement in community outreach programs, allow me to serve as a delegate for the Coalition of Labor Union Women and also as a Representative for the Los Angeles Federation of Labor.

I hope to contribute a new perspective, and address our neighborhood's prevailing issues. I represent the various generations of stakeholders and my background already reflects the diversity located within the community. My plan is to increase participation and collaboration from stakeholders and various groups within our area. My goal is to formulate the solutions needed to make our neighborhood a better place to live and work in addition to encourage customers to support our local businesses. Your voice is your vote, please exercise that right on June 2 to elect me, as your choice for Community Director. My sincerest thanks, Adriana De La Cruz.

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# ZONE 1 DIRECTOR

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## STACY SHURE



I have been a resident for over 20 years, served on the Westside Village Homeowners Association board for the past 3 years; have served on the MVCC for the past year as a Director at Large. I am the Co-Chair of the MVCC Community Plan Update committee and have been working with the Dept. of

Planning to make sure that our Plan Update accurately reflects the stakeholders' feedback, our future needs and what we want to preserve. I am also the MVCC Co-Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee and I have brought issues of planning and land use to stakeholders to weigh in on and I have worked hard to inform and educate about land use and zoning issues that most affect our quality of life and will guide us toward the future. I wish to continue to represent the Westside Village area on the MVCC, making sure that our small corner of the world is represented, and collaborating with our neighbors, I will make sure we have a strong voice in maintaining our quality of life.

## JOSHUA NADEL



I have lived in this area since I was 6 years old nearly 35 years ago. In that time, I received full academic scholarships for undergrad to UC Berkeley & for MBA at USC. Currently, I'm a CPA candidate and have already passed the tax exam. I want to make our neighborhood a better place. There should be systems in

place to deal w potholes and other day to day civic issues. I would like to sponsor more community engagement to help one other succeed more in our various endeavors. I want regularly scheduled free movie nights with food trucks to raise money for our local schools. I want to offer more programs for children and seniors to learn small business skills for running something like the cookie business my sisters and I had as children; we learned so much! I want to start sports and games competitions for all ages for our neighborhood. If elected, I promise to be the best Zone Director this area has ever seen. I want us to have a better sense of community from more shared events

## ZONE 2 DIRECTOR

*Vote for 1 - Must be over 18 and live, work, or own property within Zone 2 to vote for Zone 2 Director*

### PAMULA SOLAR



Let's work together! As a parent of two elementary students, education is a priority. As such, I want to strengthen the community ties with our local schools. I have spent three years as a Richland Ave Booster Officer. I have seen our school transform with the addition of the French immersion

program and the test scores have soared! I would love to see all of our local schools join in this success. I support the teachers and UTLA. I also support the LA County Foster/Adoption program and enjoy speaking with those interested in the process. My children's charitable endeavors involve the homelessness in our community. Once on the MVCC, I would like to collaborate with others on safe ways for our children to help. I will listen and advocate for you. Whether it's a sidewalk that needs repair, a pothole that needs to be filled or a more serious issue that might affect our community: I will listen. Let's work together to bring success to our families, our children, and our MV community.

### MARTIN RUBIN



MVCC Zone 2 and the North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWN) have identical boundaries. As president of the NWN for more than 5 years, and a resident for more than 35 years, I have significantly strengthened the lines of communication with ZONE 2 neighbors. This uniquely

qualifies me as having an understanding of the zone's pulse. I am able to gather stakeholders' views in order to make an educated and fair vote on issues of importance relating specifically to Zone 2 as well as to the entire MVCC area. My heart and soul are planted deeply into protecting the environment. I am the Co-founder and Director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution for 15 years. I Co-Chair the MVCC Airport Committee. Los Angeles has been developed past what its infrastructure can handle; evidenced by growing traffic gridlock. Public health, safety, air quality, and homelessness are all issues that should be treated as emergency issues, and this will be part of my platform on the MVCC BOD.

## ZONE 3 DIRECTOR

*Vote for 1 - Must be over 18 and live, work, or own property within Zone 3 to vote for Zone 3 Director*

### MARY HRUSKA



I have been a Mar Vistan since 1992, and have loved our special neighborhood from the first day. Our welcoming and laid back neighborhood, with its special family-oriented vibe, eclectic history, ocean breezes and views is truly unique. Inspired by that, I have endeavored to be a neighborhood advocate to City

Hall. This is the definition of a Neighborhood Council and, I believe, a worthy endeavor. Towards that end, I have worked at helping our community on issues both small (such as street sweeping, street re-paving, street lights, sanitation, trees) as well as large (The Community Plan Update and the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project and SB50) I feel that this is my way of giving back to the community for all it's given me and my family. Thanx for listening, and I'll see ya in the 'hood!

## ZONE 4 DIRECTOR

*Vote for 1 - Must be over 18 and live, work, or own property within Zone 4 to vote for Zone 4 Director*

### ARMOND SERETTI



I have lived in Mar Vista my entire life. So has my mom. So have my grandparents. I love what Mar Vista is, was, what it is becoming. Recent changes to our neighborhood and planned future changes are of great interest to me, my family, and the neighbors I know. I currently sit on the Board of Mar Vista Neighborhood

Association which also represents Zone 4. At present planned developments, transportation issues, homeless issues, general safety, and community engagement are among my biggest interests and are the areas I feel I could make the biggest impact. I would hope to bring ideas and options to the council after careful, objective, and fact driven analysis of whatever issues arise regardless of my personal beliefs on the issue. I want my kids to feel homesick when they leave for college, relief when they get back, and the desire to stay in Mar Vista not out of obligation to me but because moving anywhere else would be a downgrade.

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## ZONE 5 DIRECTOR

*Vote for 1 - Must be over 18 and live, work, or own property within Zone 5 to vote for Zone 5 Director*

### HARRISON HOPKINS



Hi! I'm Harrison Hopkins and I'm running for Zone 5 Director on the Mar Vista Community Council. I've lived in Mar Vista for 3.5 years and I want to work with you to make Mar Vista better for all of us. As your representative, I plan to encourage greater community outreach, engagement for projects within the zone and greater community, and to empower stakeholders of all types to have their voices heard by leveraging technology. Specific projects I want to address include protecting and growing our green spaces within the zone and identify potential new ones, look for compassionate and empathetic solutions to the homelessness crisis, and cultivate relationships between community leaders and marginalized groups traditionally not represented by neighborhood councils. I hope to have your vote for Zone 5 Director. Let's bring our community together! Learn more at [VoteHarrison.LA](http://VoteHarrison.LA)

### MICHELLE KRUPKIN



Hello! I'm Michelle Krupkin and the current Zone 5 Director. I've lived in Mar Vista for 30 years, both renting and owning. The Zone 5 Director since 2013 -reelected in 2014 and 2016, I still deeply love Mar Vista. Since 2013 I have co-chaired the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and am part of the team that helped get crosswalks installed at McLaughlin/Char-nock and at McLaughlin/Victoria and other intersections. In 2014 I founded the Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee, promoting good green ideas like increased Tree Canopy and Stormwater capture. I've gotten McLaughlin Ave. paved (Washington Place to Palms Blvd.) ahead of schedule, worked to get dangerous old utility poles replaced and other improvements in Zone 5 as well as working with LAPD Pacific on crime concerns. We still need roads, sidewalks and underground water/energy infrastructure maintained and upgraded. I would be honored to continue to listen to and stand up for stakeholders as the MVCC Zone 5 Director.

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## ZONE 6 DIRECTOR

*Vote for 1 - Must be over 18 and live, work, or own property within Zone 6 to vote for Zone 6 Director*

### HOLLY TILSON



Dear Zone 6 Mar Vistans, I am a retired NICU Registered Nurse and have lived in MV since 1985. I was a patient advocate, a LAUSD student/parent advocate (educational, safety and disaster preparedness issues) and for the past, almost, 3 years, a MV Stakeholder advocate. Advocacy seems to be part of my DNA.

I have tried my best to bring information to Zone 6 residents so you can make informed decisions about YOUR neighborhood, YOUR quality of life issues or just resolve YOUR problem(s) with the City of LA. Per MVCC bylaws - "The mission of the MVCC is to provide a forum for discussion of issues that affect the quality of life of MVCC Stakeholders, and to facilitate stakeholder communication and serve as the advocate for the MVCC area with officials of the City of LA and other governmental and non-governmental entities." I have a proven record as a patient advocate and as a parent/student advocate. Your vote, on 6/2, will decide if I am worthy of continuing to be YOUR MV advocate.



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