



2023 Annual Meeting

Board Slate

Highlands Country Club

March 23rd, 2023

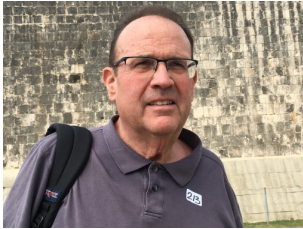
Statements from Proposed Board Members



Fred Booker

“The North Hills Community Association and its predecessor the North Hills Phoenix Association has been an integral part of our community for the past 31 years and one could argue that it created a neighborhood out of the ashes of the 1991 Fire where one didn't exist before. The sense of community that has been fostered by the NHCA makes the hills a great place to live so it needs to be supported. Challenges include as always vegetation management and fostering a working relationship with the City while bringing in new residents to support the NHCA.”

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Dan Conolly

“I have lived in the Berkeley/Oakland area since 1985 after moving here to take a position with Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream on College Avenue in Oakland. My wife, Vicki Oliveira & I became NHCA board members and agreed to also be co-chairs of the Garden Committee, plus Vicki also agreed to be the Events chair. We've had some success and would like to continue the momentum.

Most recently President of several Homeowner Associations in San Ramon for over 12 years at each involving communications, construction defect litigation, building and foundation reconstruction, landscaping, budgeting, reserve studies, maintenance programs, local-state-federal regulations, police & fire safety programs, solar & energy programs, CC&R's (covenants, conditions & restrictions) and governance, land use/soil amendment studies, earthquake-fire and hazard insurance, architectural review boards, Davis-Stirling Act and other necessary community management activities.

Vicki & I are both uniquely dedicated to serving the communities that we live in or are involved with to meet new people and help create a stronger and safer environment for all the residents.”

Statements from Proposed Board Members



Carolyn Burgess

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I am not afraid to ask questions and seek answers. I am approachable. I like to reach out and network within the many departments within the City of Oakland and Alameda County. This is how we can get things done; not with a hammer but through mutual respect. Everyone tries the best they know how. We can be better together.

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Shivani Grover

“In a community where our homes are worlds onto themselves, I believe the NHCA provides the forum and glue to engage our neighbors in a common purpose.

I have an extensive and heterogeneous background in strategy, technology, education and non-profit work. As a NHCA board member, I have been a grassroots organizer listening to community needs. This led to an educational forum about the Howard Terminal proposal, candidate forums with the League of Women Voters and advocacy around the recent Alvarado mudslide. I also love helping out with our community gardens and trash pick up!

I am a native of the Caribbean. My small family has been happy to be a part of the community for the past eight years. I hope to meet you on my walks with my dogs, Copper and Niño very soon!”

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Donna Karch

“As a resident of the area served by NHCA, I want to be involved, and contribute to what is happening in our community. My goal is to encourage more neighbors to participate in NHCA.

I am a researcher, editor and publisher and plan to use those skills to introduce more residents of the area served by NHCA to NHCA.

As a longtime board member of Hiller Highlands Homes Association, I can contribute historical background to NHCA.”

Statements from Proposed Board Members



David Kessler

“Community solidarity is vital to our happiness and safety; I want to help the NHCA build bonds among neighbors. My wife Nancy Mennel and I lost our Vicente Road home in the 1991 fire but rebuilt. I have been in the leadership of many neighborhood organizations, including this one, affording me three decades of experience working on the issues that concern us.

In my professional life, I was a researcher and archivist at UCB’s Bancroft Library until retiring a decade ago.

I will strive to make sure that Berkeley and Oakland, both residents and governments, work together; our safety depends on their cooperation. Throughout California, the need for added housing, without sacrificing residents’ safety, presents a challenge, such as recent controversy about proposed ADUs. There must be careful consideration of such issues. Residents of the North Hills should be fully informed about proposals and have a chance to participate in decision-making.”

Statements from Proposed Board Members



Nancy Mueller

“I am happy to be a part of the NHCA Board and taking minutes is something I can do to contribute.

After 45 years as a successful real estate broker, I am ready to focus my energies locally, in the neighborhood. Family and my 4 grandkids also keep me busy. I have lived in the North Hills for over 40 years. The views are spectacular, the weather fantastic and there is so much to do, right at our doorstep. The trails, paths and parks are all a blessing. The hills provide a free aerobics class!

My best skills/attributes are enthusiasm and inspiration. I am also an amateur gardener. Working in the gardens that North Hills has created is pure joy. I wish more denizens in North Hills would take a spin at helping, it really is rewarding. The air is fresh and invigorating (on most days), the companionship is real, and the results are our reward. Get to know your neighbors. Say hello, pick up that spare piece of trash. Help us out with a random act of kindness.”

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Vicki Oliveira

“As Garden Co-Chair for the past year and helping to manage the two NHCA community gardens, i.e., Gateway and Firestorm Memorial, I have assisted in a complete rejuvenation of the gardens, organized a dozen large groups of volunteers, and helped facilitate weekly garden groups. These activities have resulted in healthier, thriving garden environments that I would like to continue to build on.

My professional career in the food industry included project management and communication skills that were instrumental in moving projects forward, on time and on budget. Projects include event and annual sales meeting planning, marketing brochure production, in-store advertising, new product introductions, etc..

Now retired, my passion is volunteering (Junior Achievement, Alameda County Food Bank, Performing Arts Center, and many more). When not volunteering, I am catching up on travel, enjoying live theater and checking out the latest new restaurant openings.”

Statement from Proposed Public Safety Chair



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