

- **Qualifying candidates to fill Zone 9, Zone 10, and At-Large Representative board seats.**
- **Applications included in this document were received by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 7, 2020.**
- **Personal home addresses, emails, and phone numbers have been redacted to preserve the privacy of the applicants. All redacted text in red.**
- **Names are listed in alphabetical order by surname.**
- **Candidates are summarized in the chart below**

Candidate Name	Seat	Address in Zone
Emilia Barrosse	Zone 10	10
Jimmy Biblarz	At-large rep	None (outside SORO border)
Holly Craig-Wehrle	Zone 10	10
Sophia French	At-large rep	6
Karen Grace	At-large rep	4
Nahed Guirguis	At-large rep	3
Maria Hernandez	At-large rep	2
Diane Hirsch-Garcia	At-large rep	6
Cheryl Holstrom	At-large rep	10
Peter Iliff	At-large rep	5
Anthony Kaan	At-large rep	4
Gary Karasik	At-large rep	3
Dina Leeds	Zone 9	9
Olga Lexell	At-large rep	1
Michael Lin	At-large rep	7
Nicole LoSasso	At-large rep	5
Chad Monk	At-large rep	7
Robby Naoufal	Zone 10	10
Armeen Neshat	At-large rep	6
Sandy Nguyen	At-large rep	2
Veronica Olson	At-large rep	7
Baila Romm	At-large rep	3
Jeanne Shamji	At-large rep	6
Jonathan Tessler	At-large rep	3
Aimee Zeltzer	At-large rep	None (outside SORO border)

Candidate Name **Emilia Barrosse**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies for Zone 10 seat]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

Zone Representative (Resident homeowner or tenant)

For resident seats: please select your NC Zone.

Zone 10

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

I have lived at [redacted] St. for 6 years, ever since I graduated college and moved to LA! I feel lucky-- I've lived in the same apartment ever since I arrived, and the Pico-Robertson community truly feels like my home!

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

Hello! My name is Emilia Barrosse, and I love my Pico-Robertson community. I moved here after college from Chicago and have lived here for 6 years, but have developed a deeper connection to the people here ever since the pandemic hit. The first week of lockdown, my partner and I organized our building against a new rent increase, with 75% of us uniting against the rent hike and submitting a formal opposition to it. Now we've all got an email chain for all building-related updates, and I know my immediate neighbors for the first time ever. I also started sitting outdoors on the grass near my apartment, and started meeting neighbors walking up and down the streets-- now I've started a Tuesday morning socially-distant tea-time for neighbors to join-- we sit on my 97-year-old neighbor Anette's lawn and talk about our lives, our perspectives, our hopes and fears and everything in between. It has been so deeply fulfilling and grounding to connect with my neighbors, I want to serve this community even more deeply. I would love to start a family and build a life here, and I think my voice will be an important one to add to the board.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name

Jimmy Biblarz

Home Address

Redacted [qualifies per affiliation with Hamilton Alumni Association]

Email

Redacted

Day Phone

Redacted

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

I grew up in Cardiff Ave. in the Pico Robertson neighborhood. I attended Castle Heights, Palms, and Hamilton. I am in a temporary sublet right now, and am planning to move back to South Robertson in January. Additionally, I am an active member in Hamilton's Alumni Association at 2955 S. Robertson Blvd. LA, CA 90034.

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

I am writing to apply for an at-large position on the South Robertson Neighborhood Council. I grew up on Cardiff Avenue, and spent my childhood walking with my family to The Bagel Factory, Robertson Library, and Factor's Deli. I went to Castle Heights Elementary School, followed by Palms Middle and Hamilton High. I was looking for ways to get more civically involved, and I saw these positions available. I could not have imagined a more perfect or timely fit. I am eager to give back to the communities and neighborhoods that raised me, and I believe this position would be an ideal first step toward that goal.

For a bit of background, my parents moved to Los Angeles from Seattle when I was seven days old. We were warmly embraced by our neighbors in our small duplex, and loved the dual urban-suburban qualities characteristic of Pico-Robertson. As my sister and I approached school age, my mother became involved in the Castle Heights parent community, helping to take "Friends of Castle Heights" from a small booster club to a major non-profit. I got my love of civic engagement from my mother – watching her put together agendas, organize fall carnivals, and corral volunteers, all for the sake of improving our school

community, inspired me to pursue a life in public service and public-minded research. After a year at Portola Middle School in Tarzana, I transferred to Palms, and then began at Hamilton's Humanities Magnet.

My time at Hamilton was formative. I founded the school's first Young Democrats Club, and worked with dozens of businesses up and down Robertson on community events and fundraising. I was also chair of Hamilton's School Site Council, which involved working with a diverse community of parents, teachers, and administrators to distribute a portion of the school's discretionary budget. Most significantly though, I became heavily involved in student organizing around LAUSD budget cuts in response to the 2007-2008 financial crisis. Our group successfully lobbied the school board and local district administration to slow the cuts. The effort catalyzed my love of community organizing, and showed me just how powerful small, well-organized, and well-researched groups can be for social change. Our efforts were profiled in the Los Angeles Times (<https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2009-dec-01-la-me-misq1-2009dec01-story.html>).

I am immensely grateful to the Hamilton community for setting me on such a life-changing educational trajectory. At Harvard, I built on the interests I had developed at Hamilton. I wrote my senior thesis on school desegregation, and my extra-curricular work was politics-focused (Young Democrats, civics education). In 2015 I embarked on a combined J.D./Ph.D. program in Sociology & Social Policy at Harvard/Harvard Law School. Specifically, I wanted to learn the research skills essential to designing effective and thoughtful policies, but also the legal skills necessary to understand the boundaries policy operates within, as well as the ethical dimensions to social policy that a "data-driven" focus too often overlooks.

My graduate program has focused on the rise of income and wealth inequality, and I was selected as an inaugural Stone Fellow on the subject, in addition to a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow (providing full funding for graduate school). My dissertation traces the rise and fall of racial integration as the ideological focus of social policy, and the subsequent emergence of competing ideologies. My hope is that the project will serve as the basis for a renewed policy emphasis on school and

neighborhood segregation, as well as a litigation strategy that advocates for a more comprehensive vision of what the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause requires. The inspiration for the project comes directly from my experience attending Los Angeles magnet schools.

I have tailored my law school courses and activities towards preparing for a career in policy. With my clinic, Protect Democracy, I have been in the trenches of democracy-reinforcing litigation, working on briefs about felon disenfranchisement and voter purges. My coursework has focused on public law, specifically local government law, administrative law, and constitutional law. Last summer, I interned at the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office, where I worked alongside a supervising attorney, with probation officers, prosecutors, and clients to negotiate reduced sentences and find alternatives to incarceration. This summer, I worked at Munger, Tolles & Olson (remotely) in Downtown, and had the opportunity to further expose myself to Los Angeles' legal landscape.

Throughout graduate school, I have been very involved in LGBTQ activism and service, and would be excited to join the neighborhood council's LGBTQ committee. I created a weekly "QueerTime" series where our diverse LGBTQ student population could come together over food and drinks and discuss the difficulties of college life. I also organize an annual National Coming Out Day Party, as well as a vigil for Transgender Day of Remembrance, and an event commemorating World AIDS Day. This work has given me wonderful experience counseling college-aged students, and insight into the variety of difficulties facing LGBTQ young people, despite the tremendous progress we have made.

My professional experiences solidified my long-run desire to work at the intersection of academic research and social policy, focused on improving the lives of the most marginalized. As I first learned in high school, I have been continuously reminded that organized, engaged community members are our best hope at social change, and that change starts at the most granular level. Having the opportunity to give back to the community that nurtured me, in this small way, would be an exciting opportunity. I am especially drawn to local government work because it is uniquely proactive – instead of lamenting polarization in

Washington, officials are working to ensure our democracy remains functional, and championing forward-thinking, progressive policies that impact millions.

I believe I can contribute to the board in three main ways. First, I have developed a number of quantitative and qualitative research skills throughout my Ph.D. program, and am eager to contribute these as necessary to the council. My research has specifically focused on educational equity and residential segregation, and I think this academic background would make me an asset to zoning/land use and education issues that come up in the board's work. Second, my legal training would allow me to help assess business contracts and real estate leases, and understand how city council policy and state legislation is likely to impact the neighborhood council. Additionally, I have honed my oral advocacy and negotiation skills in law school, and would be eager to help lobby for South Robertson's interests to the city council or other relevant government agencies. Third, I have extensive experience with community outreach and event planning. I would be eager to help plan community events, work to turn people out, devise strategies to help local businesses cope with the fallout of covid-19, and volunteer in whatever ways would be most helpful. I helped transition our wide array of programming to an entirely online format, so I have become well-equipped with digital engagement strategies (as well as the potentialities and pitfalls of Zoom!). If lucky enough to secure a board position, I would hope to work on education, land use/zoning, crime and policing, and LGBT issues, though of course am open minded given community demands. Overall, I think my long history and investment with the community, as both a child and an adult, would make an asset to the board.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name **Holly Craig-Wehrle**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies for Zone 10]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

Zone Representative (Resident homeowner or tenant)

For resident seats: please select your NC Zone.

Zone 10

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

I have been a SORO resident for 7 years. I love my neighborhood and want to work to bring people together and help one another through our neighborhood council.

In my work, I am a union organizer, and I think I could use a lot of those same abilities to connect with SORO stakeholders, build consensus and buy-in, and make the changes we feel are best for our community.

I'm a long-time renter and am excited to find ways to help renters feel better connected to the area, as that's something I've struggled with myself in moving around Los Angeles.

I've also really enjoyed seeing the changes the Great Streets program has brought to Robertson and am eager to support that work.

Legal Affirmation

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Candidate Name

Sophia French

Home Address

Redacted [qualifies]

Email

Redacted

Day Phone

Redacted

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

I'm a resident of the neighborhood.

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

My name is Sophia French. I live in the South Robertson neighborhood, and work nearby as a software engineer. I love this neighborhood and want to help improve the safety and quality of life of my neighbors. My value on this board would be as someone who aggressively solves problems using a data and research driven approach. Beyond being someone who will enthusiastically dig through pages of empirical analysis to find solutions with the most favorable outcomes, I'm also someone who's happy to get her hands dirty. I spend my free time tutoring at-risk youth in Los Angeles to help fill the gaps left by overwhelmed schools and families, exacerbated by distance learning during the Covid-19 pandemic.

I understand the limits of government. I'd like to use my skills in software development, social media, event planning, and writing to help engage the neighborhood's residents and stakeholders in the problem solving process. Businesses, churches, and concerned residents are integral to positive outcomes in a community, and with their increased engagement, we can create a stronger and safer place for people to live, work, and play.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name **Karen Grace**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Evening Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For resident seats: please select your NC Zone.

Zone 4

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

Hello I relocated to the area from Maine five years ago , I go Sister Grace a name I was given by my neighbors. I've been in lay ministry since my youth & was very involved in my community back from m Maine organizing fundraisers for the homeless , involved in jail and prison ministry & visiting elderly shut ins once a week & nursing homes . When I relocated to Los Angeles I began doing volunteer work at Eastside with the kids that were incarcerated with Shower Of Hope serving the homeless in our community And visiting a nursing home in Santa Monica. I am a Christian who has a more than one occasion gone to synagogue the Buddhist temple as all of my teachers & seek to connect with all .

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

At The tender age of nine I did my first solo fundraiser . My second at eleven , being involved in my community is my nature . My son who just opened his second business does a fundraiser every Christmas in Maine as that was a tradition I created for our family that he continues . Regardless of where I live I love my community and look for ways to serve my community be it taking a meal to a person on the street visiting an elderly bed bound person , playing ball with a kid from a tough family . There's so many ways to serve

This is a way for me to meet like minded people , as I'll serve our community weather I'm on the board or on my own .

God family community & country

That's my values

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hearby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name **Nahed Guirguis**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

I lived in the SORO neighborhood for more than 35 years, I own a house that I lived in for The past 32 years. I have been an active member of Saint Mark Orthodox Church for more than 35 years ago.

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

SORO neighborhood is the only area that I am familiar with and love. I have been living and owning a house in the SORO neighborhood for more than 35 years. My first Job as an immigrant was with Chabad Residential Treatment Center, a treatment facility for Young men who have substance abuse issues. I was a Former SORO NC board member for more than 16 years. I was a member of the SORO Annual Picnic planning Committee for 15 years. I was a member of the SORO NC Outreach committee for 12 years. I co-led the planning and the execution of one of the SORO Board retreats. Additionally, I have been an active volunteer working with the Sikh community on the Annual Peace picnic.

Legal Affirmation

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I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name **Maria Hernandez**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Evening Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

Redacted

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

As a woman of color I have dedicated my life to building and strengthening communities. I have a passion for helping people, have a hard work ethic and can get things done.

I write and speak Spanish fluently and have years of experience in community organizing and communications/PR work.

COVID-19 has devastated families, small business, tenants and workers in South Robertson. Now, more than ever we need someone that will listen and act to put the best interest of families, tenants, small businesses and workers first.

I have helped workers at Mr C's Beverly Hills Hotel here in South Robertson as they fought for a fair and just workplace. I have also been active in advocating for safety at the oil well here on Pico.

If I earn this opportunity, I will bring a fresh perspective, engaging ideas and a voice to the people of South Robertson.

Thank you for your consideration.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name **Diane Hirsch-Garcia**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Evening Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

I've lived in the soro neighborhood for 40 years. I believe that I would be able to make a positive contribution to soro. I recently retired as a union organizer with the California nurses association and have been active as a parent in lausd schools. I believe we face many challenges as a community and I would very much like to play some role in addressing those challenges.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).
I hearby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name	Cheryl Holstrom
Home Address	Redacted [qualifies]
Email	Redacted
Day Phone	Redacted
Evening Phone	Redacted
Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:	At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)
For resident seats: please select your NC Zone.	Zone 5
For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.	I have lived in my community since 1978, District 5. I have a wealth of knowledge in construction and with the internal operations of the city building and safety department and understanding of development.
Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.	I am a general contractor and prior was a principal in an architectural firm. I have been involved in this business since 1996 and have worked with many city building departments ie Beverly Hill, Culver City, Santa Monica as well as Los Angeles and know and understand the internal workings of these cities regarding building criteria. I would be an asset to the community in this field to know and understand when a developer proposes projects and what the outcome projected will be and if it would realistically benefit the communities needs.
Legal Affirmation	I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat). I hearby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name **Peter Iliff**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Evening Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

Ruthanne and I, married 31 years, own a home across the street from Reynier Park. I am PARK COMMISSIONER for the Reynier Village Council and enjoy interfacing with appropriate LACity folks to help keep this wonderful park a source of neighborhood pride enjoyed by all.

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

My name is Peter Iliff.

My wife and I own a home across the street from Reynier Park, where I have enjoyed serving as Park Commissioner on behalf of the Reynier Village Council.

In the last year under my watch, we have replaced the park signs, pruned existing trees, planted six new trees, fixed sprinklers, cleaned up graffiti and trash, and interfaced with LAPD and City Council to successfully deal with various issues that come up.

This includes keeping big parties to abide by posted rules and trying to keep our neighborhood park from becoming a homeless encampment. This past month we had two heroin ODs on the park grass, and I worked with Lead Officer Jose Bermudez to get drug users and the open use of alcohol away from our children enjoying the park.

This Sept, God willing, I will have 16 years of continuous sobriety thanks to the program of AA, which I sponsor guys and Secretary meetings. I mention this because I understand the disease of alcoholism and have great

empathy for those who are suffering, many of whom are on our streets.

I want to help. I want to make a difference.

My wife, Ruthanne, is a licensed therapist who specializes with emotional trauma. I have had a long career as a Hollywood screenwriter / producer and I understand how to work with others and get things done. Everything we make a show we always say the experience is like "going to war."

Let me go to war with you to make our community better. And let's have fun doing it.

Sincerely,
W. Peter Iliff

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

Candidate Name

Anthony Kaan

Home Address

Redacted [qualifies]

Email

Redacted

Day Phone

Redacted

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

Having been a SORO resident and property owner for almost 12 years, I am ready to give back and help our community move forward.

I worked on SOROfest in 2019 (and had intended to help out in 2020 before Covid-19 hit us all), and served briefly on the Green Team. I'm particularly interested in the revitalization of the Robertson Blvd area, and in the work of the Outreach committee. I also want to find solutions for the underserved members of our community to make sure that we're not leaving anyone behind in the middle of a health and economic crisis.

Having a more engaged community is good for all of our stakeholders, and I'm ready to roll up my sleeves to do my part!

Thank you,
Anthony

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name **Gary Karasik**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Evening Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

20 year resident of Crestview.

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

I think everyone should take a turn doing a difficult job.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name	Dina Leeds
Home Address	Redacted [qualifies for Zone 9]
Email	Redacted
Day Phone	Redacted
Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:	Zone Representative (Resident homeowner or tenant)
For resident seats: please select your NC Zone.	Zone 9
Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.	<p>We moved to Beverlywood approximately 2 years ago and we are now raising our family and our grandchildren here. Our family business is in SORO. We own rental properties and provide low income housing and section 8 apartments in SORO.</p> <p>I'm an effective community organizer and have been involved in fundraising for non profits.</p> <p>I care deeply about all people and will continue to reach out to those who are not familiar with SORO NC and the workings of the city government. It's important for all voices to be heard and represented.</p>
Legal Affirmation	<p>I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).</p> <p>I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.</p>

Candidate Name

Olga Lexell

Home Address

Redacted [qualifies]

Email

Redacted

Day Phone

Redacted

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

I've lived in SORO since 2014, and I've been both a renter in multiple residential zones and just became a condo co-owner with my partner who grew up in this neighborhood. I am a self-employed writer who has worked in the entertainment industry and my LA business license is registered in SORO, which is where I live and work.

Simply put: I love SORO. As a Jewish immigrant, this neighborhood has become my permanent home in Los Angeles. I've eaten at every single restaurant within this district's borders and have come to know many of the people who own them, as many are immigrants just like me. I make sure to get to know all of my neighbors -- the wealthy, the unhoused, the renters, the owners, the transplants, the lifelong residents, and everyone in between.

I first started attending SORO meetings in 2016 for the Great Streets project which drew me in. As an avid bus rider, I'm passionate about making our neighborhood safe and pedestrian-friendly for all. If appointed, I plan to get involved with Land Use, LGBTQ, Green Team, Parks & Recreation, and Transportation. As someone who has lived in this neighborhood as a low income resident and now as a more middle class resident, I've personally witnessed the way socioeconomic status impacts our residents. Because I've gotten to know so many people all over this neighborhood, I am confident I can help address their concerns about safety, quality of life, and the ever-rising costs of living.

It wasn't until this past year that I realized I was qualified to

serve in my local government. After working on a series of grassroots political campaigns that required me to talk to many people face-to-face, I realized that I'm uniquely able to represent a wide variety of people's interests in Los Angeles.

I've always wanted to serve in my local government and I'm so excited that there's finally an opening for which I'm qualified. As a board member, I plan to attend every single meeting and dedicate my full attention to the democratic process and improving people's lives.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name	Michael Lin
Home Address	Redacted [qualifies]
Email	Redacted
Day Phone	Redacted
Evening Phone	Redacted
Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:	At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)
Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.	I've been a home owner in zone 7 for the last 8 plus years. I'm 35 and also work in Culver City and run a small business in Los Angeles. I think I can help make some changes for the future especially since I am of a younger demographic!
Legal Affirmation	I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

Candidate Name **Nicole LoSasso**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

Redacted

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

My name is Nicole LoSasso and I believe that service to your community is more essential than ever during these challenging times. I love living in this area, and want to support my neighborhood with service through the SORO board.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).
I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name	Chad Monk
Home Address	Redacted [qualifies]
Email	Redacted
Day Phone	Redacted
Evening Phone	Redacted
Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:	At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)
For resident seats: please select your NC Zone.	Zone 7
For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.	I am a resident of Zone 7 but looking to fill the At-Large Representative opening. I am also interested in being the LGBTQ Chair.
Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.	I have spent my entire professional life so far to improving the health of under-resourced communities. I am the Director of Community Initiatives at National Health Foundation where I lead a team to address health disparities through community organizing and community-based participatory research. While my current work has not yet ventured into the South Robertson neighborhoods, it has led me to see the profound impact local policies, systems, and stakeholders have on our day-to-day well-being. Interestingly, my first job out of grad school was with Cedars-Sinai as a community health educator, where I taught nutrition and physical activity classes to young students, including students at Shenandoah St. Elementary School. I admired the community then and love it now as a resident. I have lived in the SORO NC area for two years and my partner has lived here 11 years. He has been a fierce advocate for being a SORO resident. I want to join the SORO NC because I want to use my understanding and skills for community engagement and mobilization to

impact the community I live in, and make it a great, healthy place for all our neighbors to live.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name	Robby Naoufal
Home Address	Redacted [qualifies]
Email	Redacted
Day Phone	Redacted

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

Zone Representative (Resident homeowner or tenant)

For resident seats: please select your NC Zone.

Zone 10

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

The Los Angeles Neighborhoods Council system is a unique and meaningful way of giving voice to members of the Los Angeles community. I believe strongly in SORO NC's mission to improve the quality of life in our community, and I am confident that as a Board member I can help SORO's own residents play a vital role in the decisions that impact us the most.

South Robertson is vibrant and diverse community full of people who care about the place they call home. Each member of the community brings a life of experiences and a host of concerns that need to be listened to. SORO NC provides an opportunity for those community members to be heard, and for the City's resources to be dispatched in a way that brings about real solutions. As an attorney, I have experience communicating with different stakeholders, often times with opposing perspectives, and using personal relationships to organize toward a common goal. I also have extensive experience advising for-profit and non-profit governance committees on legal and regulatory compliance that allows for groups to more govern more effectively. My ability to analyze citywide policies, regulations, and procedural rules could help make SORO NC an even more effective community organization. I also bring experience in policy-making, both at the state level and federal level in Washington, D.C., that would serve our community well. Most importantly, I am a member of the SORO community who cares very much about making our home a safe,

thriving, and welcoming neighborhood. As a resident of SORO's Zone 10, I witness first-hand the issues that burden our residents, and the potential of what engaged community members can achieve. On a wide variety of issues including economic development, public safety, transportation, social engagement, and environmental sustainability, I am eager to help make our neighborhood council the best in Los Angeles.

The City of Los Angeles, including SORO, continues to navigate a particularly tense environment that highlights issues that can divide any community. But SORO can also emerge from the a challenges a closer and stronger community. As a member of the SORO NC Board and one or more of its committees, I would be a capable and passionate advocate for SORO, so that together, we keep our community a remarkable place to live.

I thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

Robby S. Naoufal

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name **Armeen Neshat**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

I am a resident within Zone 10 and have been for several years, and am applying to fill a vacant at-large seat.

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

It is my pleasure to apply to be on the South Robertson Neighborhood Council. I have been a resident of Zone 10 for several years, and have been proud to call this neighborhood my home. As an urban planner with experience working in both transportation planning and homeless housing, I believe that my skills, experience, and knowledge would be a tremendous asset to the Board. I look forward to working with the Board to help our community address concerns, and to help connect our residents to city services. I have experience working directly on issues like infrastructure planning and homeless services, which were key areas affecting the South Robertson neighborhood even before the COVID-19 crisis. I would love to utilize my experience to help our community remain a great place to live.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name **Sandy Nguyen**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

I've lived in the South Robertson neighborhood for 6 years and have always deeply appreciated the community, the family atmosphere and the businesses, albeit from an outsider distance. Since the pandemic, I've spent much more time walking around the neighborhood and supporting local shops. This time has allowed me to rediscover the beauty in this neighborhood and the reason why I moved here. I want to advocate for our residents and business owners and provide a safe, inviting and supportive environment for all to thrive.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name **Veronica Olson**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For resident seats: please select your NC Zone.

Zone 7

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

Redacted

I reside in Zone 7, but am applying for the open position of "At-Large Representative".

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

I have lived here for 7 years. I love this neighborhood, and the community. I also am a full time USC student pursuing my graduate degree in Social Work. I have a BSW from CSULA and work with the homeless in Glendale.

I have a passion for helping my community. I want to see this neighborhood flourish. I would like to bring a unique perspective to the council. I have alot to learn, but I also have a passion for community and change.

Legal Affirmation

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I hearby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name

Baila Romm

Home Address

Redacted [qualifies]

Email

Redacted

Day Phone

Redacted

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

As a stakeholder and active member of the SORO NC community I am applying for the Board Member position of AT LARGE.

I am uniquely qualified for this position being a member of the SORO NC Public Safety Committee for the past several years as well as a past board member many years ago. Since moving to this neighborhood sixteen years ago I have organized numerous Neighborhood Watch groups not only in Crestview where I live (Zone 3), but also in Reynier Village (Zone 5), La Cienega Heights (Zone 4), Castle Heights (Zone 7), and Beverlywood Adjacent (Zone 1). Most if not all of the NW Groups I organized are still very active.

I am currently spearheading "Biz Watch" for the Pico/Robertson corridor. Biz Watch is similar to Neighborhood watch except for Business Districts. In 2008 and 2009 I organized Peace Marches in La Cienega Heights which at the time was plagued with gang violence and shootings. I helped the neighbors take back their community and stand up to gang members who were indoctrinating their children and causing them to live in fear of drug dealers and gang violence. I worked with the La Cienega Heights community to assist them in making this a safe neighborhood for them to raise their children in peace. La Cienega Heights has witnessed a huge transformation since that time and I like to think that the Peace Marches I organized was the beginning of the transformation. Yes, there are still gang members who live there but the crime rate has decreased significantly. During my time as Vice President of the Crestview Neighborhood Association I volunteered as a mentor and teacher in the RAL program at Robertson Rec. Center

where under served kids in the community were able to attend day camp during the summer and winter breaks from public school. I still bump into a few of those kids (not much since COVID) who recognize me and say hello. Their bright smiles and warm hellos are all the payment I need.

My commitment to volunteerism in the community is stronger than ever. I have been introducing many under served community members to the SORO NC meetings and showing them how to have their voices heard in the city they live, work and raise their families in and I plan to continue to do so.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name	Jeanne Shamji
Home Address	Redacted [qualifies]
Email	Redacted
Day Phone	Redacted
Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:	At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)
For resident seats: please select your NC Zone.	Zone 4
For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.	Redacted
Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.	I am a homeowner who owns rental property in the Area 4 district. Less than two years ago, I retired from my Family Daycare business, "Jeanne's Daycare and Preschool" with my logo was "Best on the Westside." Once I retired, the Covid danger caused me to withdraw my attempts to assist the homeless in our area which has become more challenging as their encampments are overpowering the freeway underpasses and as well as along Venice Boulevard. I have many suggestions on how to improve this situation, along with removal of the trash lining our streets, requiring the wearing of masks while outdoors I hope you will accept my offer on joining the Board understanding that I am a vigilant and hardworking member of the Robertson neighborhood.
Legal Affirmation	I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat). I hearby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name **Jonathan Tessler**

Home Address **Redacted [qualifies]**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Evening Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For resident seats: please select your NC Zone.

Zone 3

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

I am a 3rd generation SORO native. My grandparents on both my Mom and Dad's side lived in the SORO area. My parents both lived in the SORO area, and met each other at Hamilton High School. So upon graduating College (CSUN), I moved back to the Los Angeles area from the San Fernando Valley. Since getting married 20 years ago we bought our home in the SORO area and have raised our family here.

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

I am invested in my community by just being a homeowner, but for me it goes way beyond my home. My wife and I have raised our three children, and one nephew, in the SORO area for the last 20 years and have deep roots here. I have never been someone who likes to sit by and let things just happen around me. I prefer to get actively involved and help improve the environment around me for my family and community. I am a volunteer EMT First Responder who is willing to come to the aid of others even at 3AM because there is no greater pleasure than being there for people who we do not know at their time of greatest need.

My children have stated that they plan on staying in the SORO area when they have families of their own, so I want to make sure that I leave an even better SORO to them, than I inherited from my parents, who inherited from theirs.

Committee interest: Land Use and Public Safety.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

Candidate Name **Aimee Zeltzer**

Home Address **Redacted**

Email **Redacted**

Day Phone **Redacted**

Evening Phone **Redacted**

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

I am a member of two synagogues (non profit religious organizations, Pico Shul and LINK. I have been involved in Rabbi Bookstein's group to help shut down the Pico Oil Drilling site this past year.

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

I was elected to the Board in 2014 as an at large representative. I had the privilege of being Chair and Co-Chair of the Green Team. I also served on the Safety and Health Committee, Quality of Life Committee, and a few of the others. I really enjoyed being on SORO and working with so many diverse and interesting people. I learned a lot and was really happy when I saw positive change come about due to the work of the different Committees and overall Board action. I had temporarily left my position early due to cancer. I am happy to stay that I am "officially" a survivor. That being said, I was running for a seat once again in 2019. Some time before the election it became clear to me that I was going to be moving. I wasn't sure if it was going to be in San Fernando Valley or Beverly Hills so when I won the at large seat I declined because I did not want to leave mid term.

I really like being involved in local politics. I would be excited and honored to be an at-large representative as I was before. I believe that I have a good understanding of SORO and the Pico Robertson neighborhood. Although I am a few blocks away I am always in Pico for my religious, social, and other needs.

This past year I was very involved in closing down the

Pico Oil drilling site even after I moved to Beverly Hills. I think during these difficult times it is important for elected officials to help their constituents with the best programming, leadership, and safety. It would be my honor to serve once again with such a wonderful and active Board such as SORO. (P.S. I don't plan on moving anywhere for a long time and I don't plan on getting sick either!) Thank you for your consideration.

Aimee Aviva Zeltzer

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).
I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.