At-Large Representative Candidate  

Gloria Dioum

What is your name, the seat you are running for, and one or two lines about you personally?
My name is Gloria Dioum. I am running for the “At-Large Representative” seat. I work in the finance industry.

What is your stake in SORO?
My husband and I are current home owners here in SORO and we are thrilled to be integrated into the fabric of this wonderful community.

What is your favorite thing about this community?
SORO is a very enchanting place to live. Although SORO is in a big city, it feels like a small community. It is centrally located making many city landmarks easily accessible. Most importantly, SORO is diverse. The current housing reflects a right mixture of single and multifamily residences and a right mix of people across economic spectrums.

Five years from now, how might SORO look different, and how would you make that happen?
I will create an ideal community through affordable and strategic improvements by doing the following:
• Design/Create activities and meeting places that would enable stronger bonds between neighbors.
• Ensure that Robertson is more walkable, and beautiful by planting trees and by inviting “selective” businesses to contribute to SORO economic development that are frequented and supported by members of the community
• Work to make parks safer and more family friendly.

What are your strongest skills and leadership qualities, and how will they be an asset to your work as a board member?
I have directed successful collaborations in cross functional teams domestically and worldwide. This experience provides me with the ability to manage current issues facing our community. I will bring a unique edge to support SORO’s economic revitalization because of my background in implementing both short and long term strategies to achieve both financial and quality of life goals. Also, I have the enhanced ability to identify strengths in others and to create work teams with a goal oriented consensus. Lastly, I was integral in the creation of a successful investment club and have the financial wherewithal to solve many financial challenges.

What is one thing most people don’t know about you?
I was born on the beautiful island of St. Lucia (Caribbean). I love frequenting local restaurants, eating foods from various countries and sampling exotic cuisines throughout LA.

Register to vote online (until May 31) at soronc.org/vote
Vote in person at the SoRo Festival, Sunday June 5, 11:30-3pm.