



## Organizational Representative Candidate

Dan Fink

### **What is your name, the seat you are running for, and one or two lines about you personally?**

My name is Dan Fink and I am running for an Organizational Representative seat on the SoRo NC board. I grew up back and forth between Westside Los Angeles neighborhoods and back-to-the-Earth communities in northern California. I'm a computer nerd, a social justice advocate, and a lover of all the diverse foods we are fortunate enough to have in Los Angeles.

### **What is your stake in SORO?**

I'm the Deputy Director of The Relational Center, a non-profit community center at 2717 South Robertson Blvd with a variety of offerings to improve the holistic wellbeing and quality of life for residents in SoRo and greater Los Angeles:

- Counseling for individuals, couples, and families
- Support groups for a variety of topics and struggles
- Yoga classes and meditation groups
- A variety of workshops, including storytelling, civic engagement, and poetry
- Clinical training for aspiring mental health professionals

### **What is your favorite thing about this community?**

Some of my favorite things about this community are the small town feeling, the big city diversity, and so many residents that genuinely want to improve their community for all of the residents that live and work here.

### **Five years from now, how might SORO look different, and how would you make that happen?**

Five years from now we will have a thriving and locally supported business community. Community members will gather frequently to support each other personally, professionally, and in the pursuit of solving shared neighborhood problems.

### **What are your strongest skills and leadership qualities, and how will they be an asset to your work as a board member?**

I have a great deal of personal and professional experience in different contexts. I been an organizational leader in large corporations, academic institutions, and non-profits. I have lived in communities that are rich and poor; urban and rural; homogeneous and diverse. My skillset is in facilitating teams with diverse perspectives, supporting them to appreciate each other's viewpoint, and finding collaborative solutions to shared problems.

### **What is one thing most people don't know about you?**

I am a serious fan of camping. Spending a week in Big Sur or Sequoia is my ideal vacation. Hiking during the day, campfires in the evening, and sleeping near the sounds of a creek or the ocean. Who could ask for more?!

**Register to vote online (until May 31) at [soronc.org/vote](https://soronc.org/vote)**

**Vote in person at the SoRo Festival, Sunday June 5, 11:30-3pm.**