Charles Stein

Zone 1 Representative Candidate

What is your name, the seat you are running for, and one or two lines about you personally?
I’m Charlie Stein and I am running to be the Zone 1 Representative. My wife and I live in SORO with our 2 kids, a 5 year old son and two year old daughter, and I work in Beverly Hills as an attorney.

What is your stake in SORO?
I have lived in SORO for the last 8 years and I also belong to a synagogue in SORO, where I attend regularly.

What is your favorite thing about this community?
My favorite thing about living in the area is the strong community ties and how my family and I have many friends a short walk away, and given that everything in L.A. is so spread out, it is nice to live in an area where walking is a possibility.

Five years from now, how might SORO look different, and how would you make that happen?
As this community continues to grow despite the high cost to live here, I foresee more restaurants and businesses opening up in the area to address the specialty needs of the community. As a result, I believe it is the neighborhood’s council’s role, and as a board member, mine as well, to encourage people to patronize these businesses and be a bridge to the local government to push for incentives so that the community continues to get the best possible businesses.

What are your strongest skills and leadership qualities, and how will they be an asset to your work as a board member?
One of my leadership aspects that I take great pride in is being able to take many different approaches to a common problem and mesh them together in a compromise. Mediation is a skill that is commonly used in my career and I look forward to using it within Neighborhood Council activities and meetings.

What is one thing most people don’t know about you?
I ran my first marathon this year (L.A.) and despite the fact that I had never run more than 1.5 miles before I started training, I have since become a dedicated long distance runner and my favorite time to run is in the early morning before sunrise.

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