

Applicant Statements for Open Board Seats

GB082026-01



Candidate Name: Abby Pollitt

Board Seat: Organization Representative 3 Board Seat (Currently At Large)

Applicant Statement: I am an attorney in a private civil practice law firm with my husband, John Pollitt, for more than 40 years; a licensed California Real Estate Broker, and a homeowner in the Beverlywood Homeowners Association. My interest is in helping to play a part in advocating and representing our community's needs with local government officials and encourage our local government to be more responsive to the best interests of our community.

Legal Affirmation: yes



Candidate Name: Benjamin Judah Phelps

Board Seat: Organization Representative 3 Board Seat (Currently At Large)

Applicant Statement: My partner and I have lived in the South Robertson neighborhood since 2019, and over that time it has become very much our home. I value the walkability, the local businesses, and especially the sense of community here. Pico-Robertson's Jewish communal life has also strengthened my own connection to Jewish community and is part of what led me to teach locally. Professionally, I am pursuing my Master of Social Work at Case Western Reserve University and currently work as a social work intern and student therapist at MBI Health Services. I carry my own clinical caseload, help clients navigate benefits, education, and community resources, and research and pursue community grants and programs throughout Los Angeles County. Much of my work is with people experiencing or recovering from homelessness, substance use, and other significant barriers. I believe that perspective could help SORO strengthen its relationships with mental health, social-service, and community organizations and advocate more effectively for residents who may otherwise have

difficulty being heard. I also bring experience in community outreach, education, program development, and organizational leadership. As the former director of a community summer camp, I worked closely with families, staff, board members, community partners, and other organizations. That experience reinforced for me that good community work depends on relationships, teamwork, professionalism, and a willingness to compromise. I am particularly interested in Outreach and Public Safety, as well as issues affecting renters, unhoused neighbors, walkability and transit, and local businesses that are still struggling in the aftermath of the pandemic. I would like to see SORO be visible, accessible, and connected to residents, businesses, service providers, and City agencies. Most importantly, I am not seeking a position of authority. I am looking for an opportunity to serve, learn from my neighbors and fellow Board members, and do useful work. I would be grateful for the opportunity to help strengthen the sense of community that made my partner and me want to make this neighborhood our home.

Legal Affirmation: yes

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Applicant Name: Max Ezra Feingold

Board Seat: Student Seat

Applicant Statement: I think I would be a strong addition to the board because I enjoy being involved in my community and want to represent the perspective of local students. Growing up, I played sports at both the Robertson Recreation Center and the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center, so these parks have been an important part of my life. I'd love the opportunity to give back to the community that has given me so much. I've also coached local youth football, which taught me leadership, responsibility, and teamwork. In addition, I've volunteered at schools for children with special needs, where I learned the importance of patience, inclusion, and supporting others. I'm also interested in politics and local government, and I hope to learn more while helping represent the needs of our community and making a positive impact on our neighborhood. I am eager to represent my peers, learn from experienced community leaders, and help make thoughtful decisions that benefit the South Robertson

community while giving back to the neighborhood that has helped shape who I am.

Legal Affirmation: yes



Candidate Name: Noah Tabibnia

Board Seat: Student Board Seat

Applicant Statement: I am a senior at a local highschool, and I have been looking for ways to give back to the community that I grew up in. I have a strong appreciation for nature and the outdoors and would love to work on doing whatever I could to improve the parks and nature of the community so children can grow up playing outside like I did instead of sitting at home on technology.

Legal Affirmation: