

Ocean Park Association Board Election 2012

The following individuals are running for open director seats. All have met the criteria of residency and membership. Please circle YES or NO to indicate whether or not you would agree to their election. (51% Yes from cast ballots is necessary for election.)

YES	<p>Andrew Gledhill - Andrew is a 15-year resident of Ocean Park and looks forward to the opportunity to serve this community, including both home-owners and renters. Andrew was born in the UK and graduated from Oxford University; he is now a US citizen, working in advertising and marketing.</p> <p>Andrew regularly attends OPA meetings as a member and has addressed Santa Monica City Council on a variety of matters, including conservation and planning, tree preservation, fiscal prudence and the operations of the Big Blue Bus.</p> <p>Andrew participated in the SMO visioning process as a resident and raised, with the Airport Commission, disinformation put out by flight schools and jet owners, who disturb our peace and pollute our air for their own benefit.</p>
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YES	<p>Sadat Huq - Sadat Huq moved to Santa Monica in 2008 and immediately fell in love with the vibrant community of Ocean Park, with its beautiful scenery, casual attitude, and eclectic people. He particularly enjoys the close proximity to the beaches, Santa Monica Pier, 3rd Street Promenade, Downtown Main Street, and neighboring Abbot Kinney. In his spare time Sadat can be found walking, biking, and running through our cozy community.</p> <p>As an OPA Board Member, Sadat plans to leverage his zest and zeal for Ocean Park and direct his energy and efforts at promoting, preserving, and protecting the community which he considers home. In the upcoming year Sadat hopes to extend his involvement in OPA by recruiting new members, volunteering at our local events, and simply supporting the OPA cause.</p> <p>Sadat holds a Quantitative Economics degree from Stanford University, and his most recent professional experience includes his work with NOVICA, a start-up internet company headquartered in Santa Monica.</p>
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YES	<p>Jeffrey Jarow - I am currently on the founding Board of Directors for the Ocean Park Association (OPA), in the capacity of Outreach Chair), and now the Commercial Business Chair of the Lincoln Blvd Task Force. I was the Co-Chair of the Ocean Park Boulevard Beautification Project. In addition, I am also on the Board of the Main Street Business Improvement Association and responsible for dealing with issues regarding Main St. and the Farmers Market (initiated the valet bike racks and free parking at the beach on Sunday mornings). I have worked on the committees that brought you the very successful Bar-B-Q at the Victorian, the Pancake Breakfast at the Firehouse #2 and the Main St. 4th of July Parade and OPA Float.</p> <p>I have lived in our community over 30 years, am married to Faye and have a son, Morgan. I am the Chair of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) in Santa Monica and on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce. I also sit on the Board of the Santa Monica Family YMCA, and I am the Legislative Chair of the SMASH (my son's school) PTA.</p> <p>It is extremely important for ALL of us, as the OCEAN PARK community, to use this OPA platform to voice OUR opinions, share OUR views, and most importantly, implement OUR ideas, regarding overdevelopment on Main St., traffic circulation throughout, and pedestrian and community safety, to name just a few.</p>
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YES	<p>Mary Marlow - Mary Marlow joined the board in 2007 and quickly joined the Fourth of July parade committee where she found local sponsors to help defray costs and join the fun. She served as OPA president in 2009 and 2010. She grew up in Michigan and attended schools in both Michigan and California receiving an MBA from USC while working for AT&T in Business marketing and sales to Fortune 500 companies. She serves occasionally as a mentor for current USC MBA students.</p> <p>She became active as a voice for residents in the recently adopted Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) part of the city's General Plan and continues to represent residents as the chair of the Ocean Park Association General Plan Committee. The General Plan Committee continues to represent resident rights such as community benefits required of large developments by the LUCE. Mary is an advisor to Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, an organization through education, advocacy, and organizing, that works to ensure that residents have meaningful input into the development decisions that affect their lives. She currently serves on a neighborhood association advisory committee working with the Director of City Planning and his staff on the zoning ordinance update.</p> <p>Her favorite Ocean Park activities are strolling on the beach, biking and walking everywhere in our very friendly and accessible beach town. She is most interested in protecting neighborhood character and quality of life.</p>
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YES NO	<p>Evan Meyer – Evan graduated from Indiana University with a B.S. in informatics, and a triple minor in psychology, business and information technology. He then spent several years as a product manager with Strategic Data Corp (SDC), a company which provided a statistical learning engine for Advertising Networks. Half way through his employment with SDC, FOX Interactive Media (FIM) acquired this company of 13 engineers. There, he continued his product management role, managing the user interface development for this product used by thousand of MySpace/FIM employees, and allowing for the serving and optimization of billions of ads per day.</p> <p>Evan now uses his knowledge and training to mänge all technical development for his own company, jRideAmigos. RideAmigos implements cost effective transportatioOn demand management programs to ease traffic congestion, meet clean air requirements and improve commuter data visibility for local and state governments.</p> <p>Evan loves the outdoors, is a master of creative project, and an avid artist/musician.</p>
YES NO	<p>Lori Nafshun - Lori Nafshun is one of the founding members of OPA, and the Tzarina of the Santa Monica 4th of July Parade which OPA Produces. She is a Cali native and has lived in Santa Monica since 1981 when she attended UCLA Film School. She has, and continues working, for preserving the small town feel of Ocean Park, transportation solutions, and more open space. She serves the Board of the SMASH PTSA, and the SMMUSD District Advisory Council for the Performing Arts. She is also a member of Heal the Bay and Vidiots. She's loves Ocean Park because of the diverse and creative people, the ocean, and because she can walk almost anywhere.</p>
YES NO	<p>Michele Perrone - Michele Perrone has lived in Ocean Park since 1997. She loves living walking distance to the beach, Main St. and downtown. In her spare time she rides her bike, roller blades, loves the restaurants, and likes walking on Main St. where she runs into friends and neighbors.</p> <p>Since joining the board in 2010 Michele has been Chair of the Airport Committee. The committee does a lot of work for OPA on the issue of the Santa Monica Airport to represent Ocean Park to the city. For example, she spearheaded the OPA survey on the airport in the beginning of 2012. The results informed the OPA board and, thus, City Council, how the change in flight patterns has affected Ocean Park. She continues to stay on top of the issue to make sure Ocean Park's interests are represented by speaking at City Council meetings, as well as writing and communicating with City Staff, the Airport Commission and other community groups.</p> <p>She has also enjoys volunteering on the Fourth of July Parade and staying involved in this vibrant community.</p> <p>Michele holds a degree in Dance and Film, as well as having studied interior architecture for 2 years at UCLA. She has worked as a sound editor on feature films since 1988.</p>
YES NO	<p>Thane Roberts - Thane has lived in Santa Monica for 30 years, both as a renter and, more recently, as a home owner in OP with his family. He believes that our City is at a crossroads. Organizations like OPA balance the forces that could significantly impact Ocean Park's livability and environment. If elected to of the OPA board, he will be a strong advocate for a livable, vibrant city.</p> <p>As an Architect (MArch UCLA 1976), Thane understands land planning and has used his expertise to support OPA's positions. He believes that the proper enforcement of the LUCE plan, in which he participated, is a crucial first step towards a creating a sustainable and livable City. Along with OPA's Mary Marlow, he advocated for a reduction in size of the proposed Papermate development that added office space but neglected the community needs (housing) and traffic generation (gridlock).</p> <p>As an OPA Airport committee member for several years, Thane was instrumental in the OPA Airport Survey that queried community opinion so that the desires of the community could be assessed. If elected, he will represent the consensus on this issue. He sees SM as City that can provide a balanced approach to growth without sacrificing the reasons we have all come to call this unique seaside community our home.</p>
YES NO	<p>Jodi Summers - The desire to serve on the board of the Ocean Park Association is to give back. We live a good life in Santa Monica. Ocean Park is a vibrant, creative community. We will soon have a light rail, and all of the blessings and issues that go with it. It is important to see that the city abides by the LUCE development agreement, and that new development is manageable.</p> <p>A New York native, Jodi grew up working in the family business – marketing, Madison Avenue style. Her innate marketing and communication skills are augmented by a degree in Journalism from the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University. "I'm a relatively quiet person, but I'm great at getting the word out" she notes. "Being a New York City native gives me a strong network of business associates. I've got some ideas for ancillary revenue streams that could bring in additional funds to the OPA."</p> <p>Jodi is a member of the National Association of Realtors, Beverly Hills + Greater West Side Association of Realtors, Action Apartment Association of Westside income property owners, the Santa Monica Conservancy historic preservation society, The Ocean Park Association, the Friends of Sunset Park community group, the Real Estate Investors Club L.A., the American Solar Energy Society, Sierra Club, California Parks Association and the Culver City Rock & Mineral Club. She holds a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do.</p>

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YES	Bob Taylor - Bob Taylor is a founding member of the Ocean Park Association, current Board member, Chairman of the Ocean Park Blvd. Improvement Committee, and Chair of the Lincoln Blvd. Task Force Zoning Sub-Committee. , A graduate of U.C. Berkeley College of Environmental Design, he is an Architect, and has been in practice in Santa Monica since 1975. He is a member of the AIA, NCARB, National Trust, and L.A. Conservancy. He has been recognized with awards from the LA/AIA, the L.A. Conservancy, the Institute of Store Planners, and W.L.A. Chamber of Commerce Beautification Program. He was involved in the redesign of Main Street in 1979-80, and was design architect for the addition to the historic Ocean Park Branch Library and numerous residential projects in Santa Monica. He remains committed to environmental improvements to our community. While serving in the Navy he was an air traffic controller, and he holds single and multi-engine commercial pilot certificates, is instrument rated, and has held single and multi-engine flight instructor certificates.
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Voter Membership confirmed by _____