

NOMA Annual Meeting

Agenda

Thursday, February 2, 2023

7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Join via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 815 2651 7066

Call to Order

Treasurer's Report

Announcements

State Senator Ben Allen

Lana Negrete, Mayor Pro Tem

David White, City Manager

Election of 2023 NOMA Board Members. See the Election Slate attached.

Public Comment

Adjournment

NOMA Board Nominations for 2023 – 2025

Board Nominees (bios below)

Phillis Dudick*

Sue Edwards

Victor Fresco*

Ann Greenspun*

Todd James*

Evelyn Lauchenauer*

Elizabeth Lerer*

Steve Lissik*

Sonya Fox Sultan*

**Incumbents*

Returning NOMA Board Members

Danilo Bach

Jeff Brecht

Nancy Coleman

Jeff Gordon

Bruce Leddy

Nominations Committee: Danilo Bach, Nancy Coleman, Kit Dreyfus

Phillis Dudick

Brings experience of a long career in public service focused on quality-of-life issues for senior citizens, building bridges in diverse communities, volunteerism and special event, community and cultural arts program development to the Board. Has coordinated NOMA's Make Music Day site in Palisades Park for 6 years.

An active and founding member of the Annenberg Community Beach House Docent Council since 2011 and member of the Santa Monica Conservancy Program Committee with a keen interest in Santa Monica history and preservation.

Played a major role on the Historic San Vicente Coalition Steering Committee advocating for the creation of the San Vicente Courtyard Apartment Historic District. As a board member of the Annie M. Edlen Foundation, is part of the creative team for Arts as Healing.

"North of Montana has been home to me for over 25 years. I am deeply invested in neighborhood resident issues and concerns."

Sue Edwards

I grew up in Brentwood a couple of blocks from the Santa Monica border and since childhood have watched our city develop. I've lived in my north of Montana home for almost 50 years and care deeply about Santa Monica. My son attended our city's schools, is now a teacher at McKinley Elementary, and my grandson is a second grader at McKinley.

I am a 48-year veteran teacher of instrumental music in Los Angeles Unified Schools and maintain a strong commitment to arts education. I've served as a member of the Santa Monica District Advisory Committee for the Arts, and the Committee to Restore Barnum Hall. While my son attended Samohi I was a member of the Orchestra Parent Committee and a chaperone and equipment manager for the orchestra's trips to the International Youth Music Festival in Valencia, Spain in 1994 and 1996.

As a local musician, I was a member of the Santa Monica Chamber Orchestra from 1981-1990 and also served as the conductor's primary consultant in creating standards-based children's' concerts.

In addition to musical activities, I'm a charter member of the Santa Monica Conservancy and Santa Monicans for Renters Rights.

I'm also a Santa Monica CERT-trained volunteer and have participated in neighborhood mapping workshops and other CERT activities.

I am particularly concerned about climate crisis and sustainability issues and hope to work with others in NOMA to raise awareness about these problems in our neighborhood and city.

Victor Fresco

I have been a member of NOMA since the organization began and am currently serving as its treasurer. I think it's vital that our neighborhood has an organization that informs residents about issues and events important to our area. Additionally, I am alarmed at the amount of new development coming to Santa Monica and the effect it will have on north of Montana residents, in terms of increasing traffic and reducing our quality of life. I would like to see NOMA focus more on development issues.

Ann Greenspun

I have lived in Santa Monica for 45 years. Our three daughters received a first-class education from our public schools where I served as PTA president, school nurse and board member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation. I also served as a Bayside District City Commissioner and President of the SM Chamber of Commerce and I have been a long time Rotarian and former Chair of the SM Red Cross. I love our City and want to help preserve those qualities that make it special.

Recently, certain state policies and recently enacted laws threaten our neighborhoods as they disregard cities' local control and expertise. I am proud to participate in NOMA and other organizations that face similar urban issues.

Working together to preserve the very essence of Santa Monica is vital!

Todd James

I currently serve on the NOMA board and am a two decade Santa Monica resident who has restored four homes in NOMA. I am saddened and concerned by outside interests' increasing stranglehold on our city which has led to excessive and unsightly development, clogged streets and dilution of our lovely city's character. I would like to continue the process of helping a revitalized NOMA represent our neighborhood's interests and priorities and hopefully reverse some of these unfortunate trends.

Evelyn Lauchenauer

A lifelong resident of Santa Monica, graduate of Samohi and Santa Monica College before studying at UCLA and graduating from CSUN, I have seen the city grow from a quiet retirement town to a large city and experienced first-hand how those changes affected residents of the area. I strongly believe that increasing awareness of NOMA to residents is key to building a strong and effective voice for the community. My focus is on building resident participation during this time of tremendous city growth.

As a Realtor, I know the neighborhood well and am in touch with residents and merchants in my daily business. I am often reminded of our quality of life and hear concerns about changes to the city and how those changes impact our daily living. As we grow I want to assure that the needs of the residents are placed first and foremost in any community planning.

As an active NOMA board member, I have coordinated NOMA's participation in the Santa Monica 4th of July Parade for the past 10 years. I volunteer on the Experience Management Committee for the City of Santa Monica and help build homes with Habitat for Humanity. In my free time, I enjoy taking long walks around the neighborhood with my long-haired English Dachshund mix.

Elizabeth Lerer

Santa Monica resident since the 1980's. NOMA resident since 1994. Participated in the creation of the San Vicente Courtyard Apartments Historic District. Worked in and continue to study design and art. Getty Villa volunteer. Interested in helping to protect trees and places from reckless development.

Steven Lissik

I have lived and worked in downtown Santa Monica for nearly 20 years. In that time, I became gradually aware of the downtown area's increased building heights, traffic, parking and density issues. When I joined NOMA I met other members with similar concerns. I soon became active on NOMA's Land Use Committee and in the Historic San Vicente Coalition. I have volunteered at Venice Art Walks, Venice Garden and Home tours, and am a member of the Santa Monica History Museum and the Santa Monica Conservancy. I graduated from Woodbury University and have been with the international design firm Knoll, Inc. for 30 years.

Sonya Fox Sultan

In 1990 my husband Bruce and I were fortunate to move to Santa Monica and purchase our first home North of Montana. Three years later, we founded the two-attorney Santa Monica law firm of Sultan & Sultan, Attorneys at Law, which remains devoted to the practice of trusts, estates, probate and conservatorship law. We have three adult children; one daughter and two sons.

I consider myself a social justice activist. I serve on the Steering and Executive Committees of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights (SMRR) and the Steering Committee of Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS). I am active in two local Synagogues as well as a number of other worthwhile organizations.

I believe that one of my key strengths is the ability to communicate with and bridge gaps between people of widely divergent backgrounds and interests. I love Santa Monica and I am dedicated to protecting and enhancing the quality of life in NOMA and all of our neighborhoods.