

NOMA Agenda
February 4, 2021
7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Announcements

Treasurer's Report

Council Member Updates with Mayor Pro Tem Kristin McCowan and Council Member Phil Brock

COVID 19 Update, Zachary Gaidzik, Assistant to Supervisor Shelia Kuehl

NOMA Board Election, Jeff Brecht Nominations Committee Member

*Here are the candidates for the NOMA Board recommended by our Nominating Committee for election. In general, Board members serve for 2 years. Patrick Sarkissian, however, is nominated for a one-year term to equalize the number of Board members up for election in alternating years. ***Indicates incumbent***

Phillis Dudick*

A north of Montana resident for over 2 decades, member of the Historic San Vicente Coalition Steering Committee, a founding member of the Docent Council at Annenberg Beach House, and member of the Santa Monica Conservancy.

Career in public service focused on quality of life issues for senior citizens, building bridges in diverse communities, special event, community and cultural arts program development.

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 the North of Montana neighborhood of Santa Monica for 41 years. Our three daughters received a wonderful education in the Santa Monica schools where I served as PTA President, a school nurse and board member of the ED foundation. Later, I was a City Commissioner for the Bayside District and President of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

I love this city, and recognize that, with growth, comes challenges. Yet, I believe its best days are still to come and want to remain involved. Santa Monica has given our family so much and I would like to give back. My strengths are networking, thinking outside the box and listening.

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*

I am 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 firsthand 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. To that end, my focus is on building resident participation during this time of tremendous 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. In addition to being a NOMA member, I serve on the board of The Charitable Foundation, [Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties](#).

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.

Robert J. Posek

I have been a resident of Santa Monica North of Montana for the past 33 years and was one of the founding members of NOMA when it started in 1998. I worked with fellow NOMA members on R-1 District Zoning Ordinance changes (1998-99) to reduce the size of new single-family

dwellings. I served on the Landmarks Commission (2003-2004) and worked with neighborhood organizations on R-1 District Zoning changes (2018-2020) to further reduce the size of new single-family dwellings.

Patrick Sarkissian (for a one-year term)

My 25-year career has focused on pioneering real estate and technology. Over the past 20 years I have worked very hard to build one of the top experiences in student housing called [The Scion Group](#), a progressive digital firm in NYC called [Sarkissian / Partners](#) and the for-purpose organization [ONEArmenia](#). My wife and two daughters are very happy to be in Santa Monica, and passionate about issues related to governance, homelessness and the environment. Most of all we want to see Santa Monica, and NOMA progress and improve.

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 a member of the Santa Monica College Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and the Advisory Committee of Jewish World Watch which assists survivors of Genocide in Darfur and the Congo. I am a founding member of Santa Monica's Kehillat Ma'arav Synagogue and served as its longtime social action chair. I am active in other organizations as well.

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.

Current Board Members elected in 2020 whose term ends in 2022 are:

Danilo Bach
Jeff Brecht
Nancy Coleman
Jeff Gordon
Jim Williams

Update on the Carlthorp School Conditional Use Permit, Steve Salzberg, Elizabeth Lerer and Ken Parr, Head of School

Update of State Legislation on Housing Bills

Public Comment