

## **2022 HRB Election Candidate Statements:**

### **Gerald D. Parham**

Greetings and salutations to all,

I am writing to express my interest in continuing as a member of the HRB in University Hills. As an current active member of the HRB, serving three 1 yr. terms, I have advocated for and supported the interest of this community, particularly providing voice for the rental community, who had previously had never been represented on the board.

I have resided in the Alturas Townhomes since they were first opened, five years ago, and have been active in supporting the revised mission of ICHA Board of building community from within. To be truthful, the scope of responsibility this board was originally charged with has changed dramatically over time as has the growth and makeup of the residents who live here. It has been exciting to watch and be part of the change process. It certainly has it's challenges, similar to growth spurts our children have. What I like and what I see is an incredible amount of potential. This is a vibrant and beneficial community that admittedly has its share of problems. Might sound cliché, but every community does. I'm reminded of the African Proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child", and liken it to having representatives that are committed to the continued development of a vibrant, inclusive and diverse community. If we are intent on actualizing what we say we want, then it will take all members of the community, who should have voice in the decisions and management of issues affecting every aspect of this wonderful benefit that is University Hills. I want to continue to be one of those representative voices.

I will remind you of my prior experience at UCI prior to joining this community. For 14 years, I served as the Director of Palo Verde Housing, a graduate and family student housing community. I was able to develop and Residential Life component to our operation which included forming a resident council, similar to HRB, providing residents an opportunity to have a voice in the affairs of the community. I have always been of the mindset that if you aren't actively engaged in the management of your community, then you really can't complain when you don't like something.

I have been working at UCI for close to 24 years, and an alum from the 70's. I have seen this University and the Uni Hills community continue to grow and develop into a space and place that significantly contributes to the welfare of its faculty, staff, and students. As good as we are, I believe we can still get better. I am committed to doing what I can to make that happen. I believe my passion for this community, my experience and skill set will continue to add value to an already robust group.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is 1209 Cervantes Ct. However, the best way to reach me is via my mobile number, (949) 683-3130, or email at [gparham@uci.edu](mailto:gparham@uci.edu).

Thank you for your consideration.

Gerald D. Parham

### **Jan Brueckner**

I have lived in UH since 2005, serving as a faculty member in the UCI economics department. I haven't had any previous involvement with HRB, although I've had a fair amount of personal interaction with Andrew Herndon and Victor Van Zandt over several issues. One of my research areas is urban economics, which focuses on a number of topics related to cities, including urban land-use. I think that this expertise could be brought to bear in dealing with issues facing ICHA. My goals as an HRB member would be to help ensure that ICHA makes good planning decisions and remains attentive to the concerns of UH residents.

### **Mack McCoy**

Howdy Neighbors! My name is Mack McCoy and I've lived on Wharton in UHills for about 14 years. My husband works for UCI. I'm a massage therapist with a small private practice focused on helping clients live their best lives! I believe "we're all in this together" which means I believe in being a good neighbor. I try to help out when a neighbor needs something if I know how to help them. I've been known to be active on the listserv and I've volunteered before for things like the traffic subcommittee a few years ago. I tend to be passionate about whatever I'm working on and I try to do my research and listen to experts. I think UHills is a pretty great place to live and want to do my part to help. After hearing from multiple neighbors about the HRB, the work they do, and how I might be able to help, I decided to throw my name into the hat. As a queer mixed indigenous small business owner, I believe I bring a unique and valuable perspective to our community. My goal is to "pay it forward" by helping however I can. If you've made it this far, thank you for taking the time to read my statement! I hope you have a wonderful week. :)

### **Cami Patel**

It is with hopeful enthusiasm that I submit my name as a candidate for the University Hills Homeowners Representative Board (HRB). I have lived in University Hills for the past 3 years with my husband and, now, three children. We have been welcomed by this unique and special community with open arms and feel fortunate to call UHills home. Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to help plan and organize neighborhood events through the UHills Entertainment Committee which has been a rewarding way to become more involved in and serve our community. Through my role in the Entertainment Committee, I have witnessed how the HRB works hard to build an engaged community and I would love the opportunity to be a part of and continue this effort. I am a highly organized and ambitious resident who would love to advocate for and represent you! Thank you for your consideration.

### **Susan Pearlman**

The past two years have been an unprecedented time for UHills, and for the world, due to the pandemic. During this time it has been an honor to represent our neighbors. I believe that in these disconnected days of working from home that an emphasis on community building has been more important than ever. My interest is to continue to develop ways in which we can build on the unique community that we have in University Hills.

Throughout the last two years our HRB has been active, including:

- Working with ICHA to enhance communication, and a sense of community, while ICHA staff worked from home due to Covid.
- Working with ICHA to create a new ICHA position, whose role is to foster community engagement titled as Community Events and Program Coordinator
- Continue to organize meaningful programming including a series of talks to support, inform, and engage our residents in 2020.
- During the early stages of Covid we invited experts from UCI to address questions and concerns in our community
- Present information on Emergency Preparedness
- Developed ways to engage and support the entire community during a pandemic
- Collaborated with ICHA to retain the HRB's involvement in the property improvement process

My background;

- I hold a graduate degree in Community Economic Development and have spent my career focusing on quality of life issues that include; women's issues, diversity, economic and social justice, and improving the lives of people with disabilities.
- The first Executive Director of a community cultural center, in the Cleveland area (home to art studios, businesses, and organizations) I worked to promote a wide range of cultural and educational programs and events.
- I created and implemented an approach to community engagement that brought people of diverse backgrounds together to discuss their perspectives, listen to others and support one another. This involved elements of community organizing, facilitated meetings and a connection between dialogue and action. Called, "Honest Conversations" the program spanned small towns, urban and suburban areas in two counties, often in conjunction with local fair housing initiatives. I truly understand the value of perspective, consistency and creativity.

Seven years ago, my husband and I moved to University Hills from Cleveland Ohio. We are grateful to have the opportunity for a new home, and great neighbors and friends. University Hills is an exceptional community with spectacular amenities and even more spectacular talent, intellect, and cultural diversity. I am committed to making it an ever more engaged community, and I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve our community as a member of HRB.

### **Brad Conley**

Our family has lived on Murasaki near Gabrielino Park since 2007. Our three children (ages 11, 14 & 16) have grown up in University Hills. I've served on HRB since 2016.

ICHA's interests usually align with homeowners' interests. But when they don't, I advocate for you—even when it's unpopular or uncomfortable. I speak truth to power—even when that power is ICHA or campus. I am not afraid.

If re-elected, I'll continue to push for more transparency from ICHA and better advocacy by HRB.

Thank you for considering me. It's been an honor to represent all of you who call University Hills "home."