

SLATE AND BIOS FOR SHCA 2026 – 2027 BOARD CANDIDATES

Society Hill Civic Association Slate for Term Starting June 1, 2026

Position	Candidate
President	Bob Kramer
1st Vice President	Paul Boni
2nd Vice President	Jay Borowsky
Treasurer	Nick DeGregorio
Secretary	Mary Purcell
Director at Large #1	Brooke Marshall
Director at Large #2	Brandon Engelhardt
Director at Large #3	Rick Herskovitz
Director at Large #4	Judie Koss
Director at Large #5	Nancy Lanham
Director at Large #6	Nelie Shah
Director at Large #7	Bernie Gelman
Director at Large #8	Kim Williams
NE Quadrant term ending 5/31/2029	Kevin Yoder
NW Quadrant	Antonio Atacan
SW Quadrant	Mike Miele
SE Quadrant	Priscilla Lo
NE Quadrant term ending 5/31/2027	Kathy McAfee
NE Quadrant term ending 5/31/2028	Patrick Wujcik

BIOGRAPHIES in Alphabetical Order

1) Antonio Atacan – Candidate for Northwest Quadrant Director

My wife Georgine and I relocated from Chicago to Philadelphia in 1997, where we attended UPenn and Wharton and chose enchanting Society Hill to raise our two children. What began as a great place to build a family became a lifelong home and enduring passion. In 2006, I founded Philadelphia's first Keller mWilliams Realty, which grew to become the city's #1 brokerage before I sold it in 2019. Today, I proudly own Venture Philly at Hopkinson House, continuing my commitment to the neighborhood I love. Having spent decades here, I have a genuine appreciation for its unique character, historic charm, and the importance of thoughtful preservation. As a SHCA board member, I am actively engaged with the Finance, Communications, and South Street Improvement Committees, and I consider it a privilege to contribute to the collective efforts that enhance the vitality and quality of life in Philadelphia's most treasured neighborhood.

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2) Paul Boni - Candidate for First Vice President

I have lived in Society Hill for more than 30 years, currently in Bells Court (built in 1815) on St. Joseph's Way. I am a zoning and land use attorney representing neighbors and community groups, including a few civic associations elsewhere in Philadelphia. I am currently a member of the Board and I am the Chair of the SHCA's Zoning & Historic Preservation Committee, which is functioning well and usually by consensus. I am also a member of the Legal Committee and the I-95 Committee. I wish to serve on the Board to try and help achieve consensus on decisions that are in the best interests of our amazing community.

3) Jay Borowsky - Candidate for Second Vice-President

Jay has long been involved in local community affairs. He is the founder and served as the first board president of Independence Charter School in Center City. Jay presently serves as SHCA second vice president and previously served as a SE quadrant director. As second vice president, Jay intends to focus this term on revitalizing the 2nd street business corridor, specifically to fill the vacancies in the former CVS and Wawa spaces.spaces.

4) Nick DeGregorio - Candidate for Treasurer

My name is Nick DeGregorio, my wife Venice and I have lived in Society Hill for a little over 10 years. I have been on the board of the Society Hill Civic Association for 5 years in a variety of roles. I am currently the Treasurer of both the Association and the Foundation. I am also the president of the condo board at Penn's Landing Square at Second and Spruce.

5) Brandon Engelhardt - Candidate for Director-at-Large

Brandon Engelhardt serves on the SHCA Communications Committee. This past year, he led the transition to Google Workspace, giving every board member an official @societyhillcivic.org email address and saving the Association about \$3,000 per year. He also co-managed the Halloween at Headhouse event, which welcomed several thousand neighbors and brought together 20 community volunteers.

His priorities for the neighborhood include strengthening community events, supporting the activation and preservation of Headhouse, modernizing how we communicate and engage with neighbors, improving coordination along South Street, and encouraging more visitation to Society Hill via historic walking tours, our parks, or outdoor dining.

Brandon works in technology and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in Regional and City Planning from Drexel University, with a focus on economic development.

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6) Bernie Gelman - Candidate for Director-at-Large

I am a retired CPA who graduated Temple University in 1962 with Both a Bachelor's and Master's degree. I am also a member of the American Institute of CPA's as well as the Pennsylvania Institute of CPA's

My professional experience includes Auditing, Taxation, Financial Planning as well as Forensic Accounting. Currently I volunteer at the National Constitution Center and previously served as a volunteer for other non profits including the Battleship New Jersey.

My current residence is Independence Place here in Society Hill where I have lived continuously since 1978.

Currently I serve on the Board of SHCA and previously served on the Board of SHPF as well as their Treasurer. I am also currently on SHCA's Membership Committee and previously served on its Nominating Committee.

7) Rick Herskovitz - Candidate for Director-at-Large

My wife and I have had the pleasure of raising our family in Society Hill and living here for several decades. I am a long time member of SHCA and a Block Coordinator. Given my careers as an architect and developer, I am pleased to serve on the Zoning & Historic Preservation Committee, helping our community grow responsibly. I always enjoy assisting neighbors, old and new. This is my community, my home and they are my friends. Ed Bacon was a mentor, and I was the managing director of the Penn's Landing Corporation at its inception. I ask for your support so I can serve on our Board. I will listen to your views and take them to heart.

8) Judie Koss - Candidate for Director-at-Large

I have lived in Society Hill for the past 25 years and have proudly raised my children here. It's an amazing community with caring people and vibrant businesses, including some on Headhouse Square near my home. I am passionate about keeping our neighborhood safe, supportive and connected. Over the last year, I have served as a Director-At-Large on the Society Hill Civic Association Board, as well as on the Streets Committee. This has given me a good introduction to all of the productive and important things that the Society Hill Civic Association does for our community, and also to how much more that needs to be accomplished. I would like to continue to be a part of the organization and all it has to offer.

Occupationally, I am an attorney in the education and tech industries, and I bring years of experience of thoughtful detail-oriented analysis. I am committed to advocate for what matters most to our residents. I believe in being proactive, having open communication and discussing

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resolutions. We need now more than ever to continue to hear each other and work toward a better way to accomplish our goals in the neighborhood.

9) Robert Kramer-Candidate for President

Robert Kramer, the current President of the Society Hill Civic Association ("SCHA"), was elected May 2025. Robert is a retired attorney who has served as a SHCA Board Member since 2015. He served as chair of the Legal Committee, and the 5th Street Committee, and has been a member of the Nominations, Finance, ZHP, I-95, Parking, Master Plan and Foglietta Plaza Committees. Robert's specialty when practicing law was mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, security law, and finance. He and his wife have lived in Society Hill since 2012.

10) Nancy Lanham - Candidate for Director-at-Large

I have loved my 35 years living on Spruce Street. My professional experience is mostly in banking. After leaving that field, I consulted with various non-profit organizations. My final position was as the executive director for a member-association for philanthropies in our region. Though our neighborhood has changed over my time in Society Hill, the sense of community has continued. In addition to completing my first year on the SHCA Board, I serve on the Powel House committee as the treasurer and I sit on the board of the InterState Land Management Corp as PA Rep Mary Isaacson's representative. With the extraordinary number of visitors expected this year, I believe that we should improve the safety for those riding/driving on our streets and walking on our sidewalks. Also, it is important for Society Hill to have a voice in City initiatives that impact our neighborhood.

11) Priscilla Lo - Candidate for Southeast Quadrant Director

When I moved to Philadelphia 23 years ago, I dreamed of living in Society Hill—a neighborhood with historic streets, tree-lined corners, and a sense of community where neighbors truly look out for one another. Today, my family and I are proud to have called it home for the past 16 years—ever since we moved in during the December 2009 winter storm—and I have spent the last three years serving as a SHCA board member representing Penn's Landing Square. I have chaired the Membership Committee for the past two years and chaired the Nominating Committee last year, and I love finding creative ways to engage neighbors, grow our membership, and strengthen the sense of community throughout Society Hill. Professionally, I work for a healthcare advertising agency, where I oversee media and audience research – skills I also apply to my volunteer work at the SHCA.

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I am also an alto in the Mendelssohn Chorus of Philadelphia, where I serve on the board, combining my love of music with community service. With three years of experience on the SHCA board, I am eager to continue working alongside my neighbors to keep Society Hill welcoming, vibrant, and connected.

12) Brooke Marshall - Candidate for Director-at-Large

I'm Brooke Marshall and I've proudly called Society Hill home for five years. Prior to moving to Philadelphia, I lived in the Ambler suburbs for a decade. In Ambler, I was deeply engaged in community initiatives – from serving as an elected member of Borough Council, to aiding in the launch of a community-owned co-op grocery store, and volunteering at a local farm and the Farmers' Market. I'm passionate about building strong, connected communities. I have been serving as Secretary of the Society Hill Civic Association during the current term and am eager to continue serving on the board. As a Board member, I will be actively engaged, transparent, and equitable in my representation of the community. I'm excited to bring my experience and dedication to the Society Hill Civic Association and hope you will support me with your vote!

13) Kathleen McAfee – Candidate for Northeast Quadrant Director term ending May 31, 2027

My name is Kathleen McAfee, and along with my husband have lived in Society Hill for fifteen years and have four adult children. I have spent over forty years in public service with twenty-eight as an FBI Special Agent and then served eleven years as the Deputy Inspector General in Philadelphia. I also volunteer at Old St Joseph's and with the Pink Sisters in Fairmount.

I am committed to continuing my public service by contributing to this amazing neighborhood. If elected, this would be my second year on the board and I am focused on effectively representing all the neighbors, helping the organization grow and furthering the core mission of the SHCA.

14) Michael Miele-Candidate for Southwest Quadrant Director

Michael Miele, a longtime Society Hill resident of twenty-four years—has been a steady, hands-on member of the SHCA. Whether it's rallying neighbors for clean up days or as an active block captain. He and his wife have raised a family here and they all love living in this neighborhood. Michael is a software engineer and technologist with 30+ years in the industry.

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15) Mary Purcell - Candidate for Secretary

I am the current First Vice President of the Society Hill Civic Association and have been volunteering in the community for over 10 years. Society Hill is a beautiful neighborhood of creative, caring people and my purpose on the SHCA board has always been to serve them. I have worked in ways large and small, from clean-up days, the holiday social, chairing the McCall School and Nominations committees, and helping enact our Neighborhood Plan into law. I chair our I-95 and Foglietta Plaza committees and serve on the Finance and Communications committees. Prior to retiring from business, I was a Principal at Mercer and previously a Partner of Towers Perrin leading teams in account, operations and project management.

16) Nelie Shah – Candidate for Director-at-Large

My parents lived in Society Hill for 40 years. Now, as a homeowner myself in this wonderful, vibrant and historic neighborhood, I am committed to preserving its character while ensuring it remains welcoming, safe and thriving for all. I have enjoyed serving on the communications and streets committees over the last year while serving as a SE quadrant representative and would like to continue to do so.

Professionally, I have a law degree and a strong background in advocacy, community engagement and problem-solving. I founded and ran a marketing and public relations firm that specialized in strategic communications and crisis management. I am confident this is a valuable asset to the Civic Association, particularly in the areas of community outreach, public relations and marketing initiatives. I enjoy connecting with neighbors, fostering dialogue and working collaboratively to support the success and well-being of our community. I am especially interested in contributing to efforts related to sustainability, public safety, historic preservation and responsible development.

17) Kim Williams – Candidate for Director-at-Large

I am currently a member of the SHCA Board and serve on the Finance Committee. Prior to my current term, I also served on the SHCA Board for a number of years in the past, during which time I served as First Vice-President, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee and member of the Finance, Parking Lot, and Foglietta Plaza Committees. I have also served on the Society Hill Preservation Foundation Board.

As retired President/CEO of a network of senior living communities in the Greater Philadelphia area, my professional background includes considerable experience in strategic planning, financial management, Board governance and fund-raising. I also served as Board Chair of a

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national professional association of not-for-profit human services organizations. I have lived in Society Hill for over 16 years and am motivated by my desire to build community, promote safety and to preserve the historical significance of Society Hill. My priorities include facilitating consensus-building and collaborative dialog around community issues and concerns, promoting safety for residents, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike, and investing in initiatives that support cleanliness, security and community pride.

18) Patrick Wujcik - Candidate for Northeast Quadrant Director term ending May 31, 2028

My name is Patrick Wujcik. My wife Kathy and I are Philly area natives who settled into Society Hill 10 years ago after decades living abroad. Recently retired after a 25-year career in international development (working to strengthen good governance and the rule of law in emerging democracies), we were drawn back home by Society Hill's beauty, vibrancy, and history. I'm privileged to give back to our community by volunteering with several local groups, and look forward to helping the SHCA promote and further enhance our neighborhood's unique charm and spirit.

19) Kevin A. Yoder, AIA, LEED AP - Candidate for Northeast Quadrant Director term ending May 31, 2029

Kevin has been a resident of Society Hill for 28 years, and a Queen Village resident prior for 5 years. His son Evan attended McCalls grades 5-8. He is a business owner, *YODER design*, LLC, working in architecture and interiors and completed 20+ renovation projects in the SH neighborhood

Kevin Yoder has a BS in Architectural Engineering from Penn State and BS in Architecture from Drexel and is a member of American Institute of Architects. He has been a 25+ year supporter/ member of SHCA Reporter and a Frequent Advertiser in the Reporter. Kevin has hosted numerous homes on the SHCA House Tours and is a Supporter of Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks. He organized the flower basket hanging on S. Third Street between Spruce and St. Joseph's walkway for over 20 years.

Organizations include:

Supporting Member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

Supporting Member of the Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia

Supporting Member of Philadelphia and National DOCOMOMO chapters

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Professional recognition from the Phila Preservation Alliance and DOCOMOMO
National for Renovation/ Restoration of numerous projects