

CANDIDATE POSITION STATEMENT FOR \_\_\_Glenn Bridger\_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

This statement will be posted before and during the meeting to give your Hillsdale Neighbors a better understanding of what you will offer as a Board Member. Please be as open and honest as you can.

Elections will take place on June 6th. At the Meeting, you will also be given time to make a 1-minute introductory statement followed by a 15 minute "social period" for neighbors to come up and talk to the candidates.

The name and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form.

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1. Why are you interested in serving on the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association (HNA) Board? \*

I have lived in Hillsdale since 1991 and worked with many others to help our community be a thriving place to live and work. Our community was changing when I moved here, and it continues to change. I wish to see Hillsdale be inclusive and welcoming to all.

2. What strengths and perspectives would you bring to the HNA Board? \*

My strengths are my ability to work collaboratively with others as we move forward. In our community I became a volunteer member of the Hillsdale Vision Group. Working with this fully volunteer group that was not associated with any neighborhood associations. This group became a foundation for the Hillsdale Town Center Planning group, culminating with the city enactment of that Plan.

Since that time I have served on the newly formed Hillsdale Neighborhood Association (HNA) board off and on for the past 20 years. I became active with Southwest Neighborhood Association (SWNI), the coalition of the neighborhoods in SW Portland. As a member of the SWNI Board, I have served as their Transportation Committee Chair and Equity and Inclusion Committee Chair, as well as 5 terms as SWNI Chair. Hillsdale Farmers' Market? I served 4 years as a founding Board member and volunteer in helping bring a delightful market to our community.

My ability to work collaboratively is also demonstrated in my service to my profession, where I have been a member and officer in two organizations, as well as with my employers, where I participated in many regional and national working groups bringing success to our agency.

The Perspective I bring is a combination of experience on the evolution of our community, and a goal for keeping Hillsdale vibrant as our community continues to adapt to change. My perspective is influenced by being involved in communities in New Jersey, Virginia, and Wisconsin, before moving to Portland. Our community needs to be inclusive, and welcome new businesses, new residents, new housing opportunities, and new transportation options.

### 3. What neighborhood issues and topics do you feel strongly about and why? \*

- Sidewalks and other places to walk safely brought me into activism when I moved here in 1991, and my daughter was unable to walk safely to Wilson HS. Improving these opportunities is still a major need we need to push for in the future, including, for example, building the section of the Capitol Highway Plan from the town center to Terwilliger.
- Expanding housing opportunities by giving a wider variety of housing choices bring more residents and their perspectives to our community.
- Keeping easy access to both downtown and our neighboring communities, assuring we can travel with reasonable ease when we walk, bike, drive, or take transit on local streets.
- Supporting public safety, both personal and region-wide as in earthquake preparedness.
- Enhancing Hillsdale as a community center in SW Portland, with schools, library, and a variety of shopping opportunities.
- Neighborhood Night Out gives us a delightful opportunity to meet families who seldom make it to our meetings.

### 4. In what ways do you think the HNA should serve the community? \*

Our most important service is to keep our community informed on the issues important to it. The meetings are a venue where new opportunities, celebrations, and relationships can be shared. Giving a voice to the Hillsdale Business and Professional Association, and other groups active in the community. Some items, such as land use actions, give neighborhood associations a special opportunity to discuss proposals, as well as keep the community informed on new investment coming soon.

Publicizing key city ordinance proposals by bringing in speakers from the agencies making the proposals and providing open discussion of their impacts helps keep our residents informed.

We provide a forum where we can work collaboratively with other Neighborhood Associations nearby. We can cooperate in the evolution of parks, streets, and housing adjacent to Hillsdale. We can work on larger community issues that we share in SW PDX.

By working with SWNI, we can bring candidate fairs to SW PDX with a specific community flair.

5. What would you like to accomplish as a Board Member? What would be your priorities? \*

I would like to assure that our HNA Board serves an open and inquisitive HNA membership. More sidewalks. Appropriate development and redevelopment of lands in Hillsdale. Information on new private development and public works projects made available to residents while they are still being formulated. Keeping a forum available for discussion of important issues.

6. Which Board committees and activities would you like to participate in? (Options include: parks, schools, land use, watershed, etc) \*

I presently Chair the Land Use Committee, with the primary focus upon the actions that are being proposed or have been approved in our community. Significant zoning actions or other land or building rules are publicized by inviting city speakers to start the dialogue.

I have chaired the Transportation Committee in the past, and with 50 years of experience in transportation am still strongly interested in how we can make our community stronger.

7. What is your prior volunteer experience? Have you previously served in a board or leadership role? How have you interacted with local government around land-use or public policy issues? \*

I have served as a volunteer in our community for over 25 years.

- Hillsdale Vision Group – member, member of Town Center Planning Group
- Hillsdale Neighborhood Association – member, officer, and committee chairs. Provided responses to Land Use Actions.
- Hillsdale Farmers Market – Founding Board member, set up volunteer
- Hillsdale Alliance – facilitator
- SWNI – Officer, committee chairs
- City of Portland – served on Public Involvement Advisory Committee; Water Bureau Budgeted Advisory Committee; Barbur Corridor Plan CAC; South Portland Circulation Study CAC; Tram CAC; South Waterfront CAC.
- Toastmasters International – member, officer. 50 years and continuing
- Professionally – Association of Government Appraisers, National President; International Right of Way Association, Chapter President.

- Federal Highway Administration – Business Planning Committee; Civil Rights Task Force; developed and piloted local public agency acquisition training process.

8. Do your business, work, relationships, or personal activities create any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest with service on the HNA board? How will you address these conflicts of interest if and when they arise? \*

I own a home in Hillsdale. I live in Hillsdale. I shop in Hillsdale. I am retired. I see no conflict between these and service on the HNA Board.

9. [Optional] If available, please either: upload an electronic version of your resume or C.V. provide a link to an online version of your resume or LinkedIn profile (if you choose to attach a link, then the easiest way would be to paste the link into a Word Document and then upload that document).

- From 1965 to 2003 was with the Federal Highway Administration. Primary duties were the management of the Right of Way Acquisition Programs and Civil Rights Programs, as they were administered by the many State Departments of Transportations and their local public agencies such as cities and counties.
- From 2004 to 2015, HDR Engineering. Started organizations Right of Way program in the Pacific NW Offices. Managed projects in Oregon; prepared EIS documents covering the right of way needs for projects under development in Oregon and Alaska.
- 2016 to present, family, community, travel.

*Questions? Please contact Nominations Committee Chair Matt DeRosa at [matt.j.derosa@gmail.com](mailto:matt.j.derosa@gmail.com)*

*Please submit this form on or before May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by completing the form on line on the [hna-pdx.com](http://hna-pdx.com) website under Elections or sending it to [matt.j.derosa@gmail.com](mailto:matt.j.derosa@gmail.com)*