

HNA Board Nominee - Shelli Hutchinson

May 30, 2019

Dear Committee Members,

Please accept my request to run for the Hillsdale Neighborhood Board.

I am looking forward to meeting you all on June 5, 2019

Thank you,

Shelli Hutchinson

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

My name is Shelli Hutchinson, my children attend Wilson High school in Hillsdale; and I am an active volunteer in the school. My children and I spend the majority of most days in Hillsdale, and the success and safety of the students of Wilson HS and the larger surrounding community is important to me.

- What strengths and perspectives would you bring to the HNA Board?

As the mother in a multiracial family, I look at community, equity, advocacy, transparency and diversity through that lens, and I believe I can bring a perspective to issues that may not be immediately apparent. Additionally, my Masters Degree in Social Work has provided me with an education and afforded me experiences that I believe would benefit HNA. I have also spent a decade in the private sector and understand the needs of businesses.

What neighborhood issues and topics do you feel strongly about and why?

Safety, in the business district and at the school is critical. The increase in violent crime, robberies and drug use is alarming, and needs addressed. The incidence of hate symbols and hate speech at the school and surrounding area requires immediate attention.

- How will you ensure that the HNA reflects the views of the neighborhood as a whole?

My many volunteer roles at the school provide me with perspectives from the community. I would also hope that the HNA would have a system to ensure it reflects the views of the neighborhood as a whole.

- What would you like to accomplish as a Board Member? What would be your priorities?

My primary focus is education and safety. If the HNA can positively impact these areas in Hillsdale, that would be a great accomplishment.

- Do you perceive any conflicts of interest? The HNA often concerns itself with issues relating to public resources, such as land use, housing, education, and transportation.

I do not perceive having any conflicts of interest.

- What is your prior volunteer experience? Have you previously served in a board or leadership role?
 - I have been a volunteer in public education and nonprofit organizations for over 40 years.
 - I have served on many boards and board committees