

HNA Board Nominee - Eric Wilhelm

Hi Will and Rick,

Please see my answers below. See you this evening!

Thanks,
Eric

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

I think it's important for neighbors to communicate and discuss issues and plans with each other and the government.

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

I am a parent of two kids, both will be Rieke students. With an electric bike, I have replaced most of my 3-4 mile car trips (and many longer ones) with the bike and rarely drive to locations within the neighborhood. This gives me a unique perspective on what's going on and makes it easier to stop to talk with people. Through my participation on the SWNI Transportation Committee and related work, I've learned how the city prioritizes transportation funding and resources.

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

We need safer streets and better ways for people to get around without cars. My wife does not feel safe riding on her own and our kids will soon be old enough to transport themselves except the car traffic is out of control.

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

I would look for input and perspectives of people who are not able to attend regular meetings and find ways to help people participate. With the HNA transportation committee, I think joining people on-site to talk about their issues is a good example of how we can better hear from the entire neighborhood.

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

Safe streets, parks, schools, and a welcoming forum for all to be part of our community.

* Do you perceive any conflicts of interest?

No.

* What is your prior volunteer experience?

Hillsdale NA Board, SWNI Transportation committee