

## HNA Board Nominee - Tatiana Lifshitz

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

A Neighborhood Association is a very important collective for the neighborhood, it is a great vehicle to serve the commonality of the interests of its residents and can be an all-inclusive group which can pursue and speak for the interests and the betterment of the neighborhood

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

I am a long-time resident of the neighborhood, aware of its history and I have served minority groups of people, many of whom reside in this neighborhood, as well as the adjacent neighborhoods of SW Portland. I am experienced and have been involved in many land-use cases and one of my specialties in government relations, structure and governance, as well as advocating for rights of people who are being ignored

\* 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, safe sidewalks and cross walks, more community options, we need a continued watchful eye for the land use issues which comes before this community as individual applications, as well as advocacy of interests of the community in matters of sweeping land use code changes which are being proposed from time to time, or the state bills introduced in the state legislature.

\* 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 land use committee, I hope to invite increased interest and participation in those types of issues, to discuss their issues and thoughts about how we can better hear from the entire neighborhood and how we can implement improvements together.

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

Land use issues, HNA governance, reflection of the breadth of issues of neighbors in the work of the Neighborhood Association, fare representation, 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 Land Use Committee, Immigrant and Farmworkers Rights Advocacy Organizations in the United States and in European Countries, National Refugee Resettlement Organizations Structures, Volunteer teaching and handling of pro-bono cases involving human rights on national and international level, Private Foundations, Musical Development Foundation for Disadvantaged Children