

UCPG Elections March 8, 2022 – Candidate Statements

District 1 Business Seat B

Linda Bernstein

I am a 40-year resident of University City and have lived the first 8 years of that time north of Rose Canyon and the last 32 years in south UC. I have worked as a real estate agent in UC for over 30 years and my company is Century 21 Award located off Governor Drive. My 3 children attended University City Schools and played all kinds of sports with UC teams, and I involved myself in all fund-raising activities towards education and sports. I am a longtime member and strong supporter of Friends of Rose Canyon. As both a resident and real estate agent in the Golden Triangle I have kept up with attending meetings and learning more about planned expansion, proposals, and improvements so as to remain informed. My primary aim is to preserve the charm and character of the UC that I know and love while remaining open to new visions and expansion. New ideas and concepts deserve consideration but we must always be committed to not lose the values and attributes that have and continue to make University City such a special place. I am particularly sensitive about propositions that would drastically increase the density of the neighborhood and change the quality of life for homeowners who invested in this wonderful neighborhood.

District 1 Resident Seat C

Tom Hekman

- Southeast UC resident since 2003.
- Two boys, Curie, Standley and UCHS, one Sonoma State and one at UW Seattle.
- Wife is an RN at UCSD, ER then Family Medicine.
- MS Electrical Engineering, MS Systems Engineering, BA History.
- Previously President of Golden Triangle Aquatics Foundation, a non-profit supporting all UCHS Aquatics programs. \$60,000 per year program. Negotiated move to UCSD facilities.
- Desire to look toward improving community outreach and involvement.
- Represent the community input over my own personal opinions
- Maintain the family-oriented atmosphere of our neighborhoods
- Maintain and improve recreational space for families and youth athletics as those programs are community-building programs.
- Density growth on the APZ borders is a risk multiplier. Would like to see some form of density transition approach.
- Each neighborhood in UC is unique and presents unique issues that deserve attention. Crossover impacts into other neighborhoods need consideration as well.
- Proposed high density at Governor and Genesee and UTC is concerning.
- I support bike safety but not at the cost of removing vehicle lanes or inhibiting vehicle traffic. I oppose the proposed lane reduction on Governor.

District 1 Resident Seat C

Andy Wiese

I have been a resident of University City, District 1, since 2007.

I am a dog owner and a dad. My son, Lucas, grew up in UC and is a senior at UC High. I am a gardener, birdwatcher, botanizer, and outdoor educator. I volunteered as a youth coach with Mesa Soccer here for eight seasons. I am a passionate advocate for open space and the canyons that encompass our community. UC is my home.

In my work, I am a professor of history at SDSU, where I study urban and suburban America, race, real estate, planning, and environmental politics. I approach community planning from the perspectives these commitments bring, seeking to balance economic development with livability, equity and biodiversity.

I served nine years on the UCPG before terming out in 2021. After one year off, I am eligible to run again. I have served the community as chair of the University Community Plan Update Sub-Committee since 2018. In these roles, I have advocated for new parks and public facilities, multi-modal transportation, affordable housing and protection of our open space. I committed time to subcommittees reviewing new Fire Station 50, new protected bike lanes

on Gilman, the UTC Mall expansion, and a number of new bio-tech campuses. I strongly supported the removal of the Regents Road Bridge and Genesee Widening projects from our community plan. If elected, I will use my seat to push for responsible planning in UC, so that we may grow without destroying our neighborhoods, resources or values. Thank you for your vote.

District 2 Business Seat A

Fay Arvin

My name is Fay Arvin. I am a candidate running for seat B2-A. I have been a resident of University City practically all of my adult life. My son attends a local school here. I am also the president of iNational Escrow which I started in 2005 and my location since has been here in district B2-A.

The work of the UCPG is extensive because University City is such a dynamic area. We have vibrant businesses that support many jobs and innovation. We have density issues fast approaching. We have residents who have concerns about traffic, bike lanes, noise, and open spaces in our beautiful canyons.

University City has been very good to me and my family. It is time for me to give back, and I hope to be elected to represent the needs of all residents and businesses. Thank you for your time.

District 2 Business Seat C

Carey Algaze

My name is Carey Algaze, and I am running for the “District B-2-C” Business Seat on the University Community Planning Group.

I represent IQHQ who recently acquired the majority of the Aventine Site (located off I-5 and La Jolla Village Drive). We are excited to be a member of the community and look forward to being an active participant in the community.

I am familiar with the University Community as a former student, former resident and as a professional. Personally, I went to UC San Diego for my undergraduate studies and lived in the University Community. I have worked in the land use and real estate profession for about 15 years spending time in land use for the public sector, doing entitlement work for a local developer, and most recently working as land use planner at a law firm.

I am hopeful that my background in land use and entitlements may be a helpful resource for the community planning group and I look forward to being in contribution.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy. It would be an honor to have your support and serve on the University Community Planning Group.

District 2 Resident Seat C

Liane Barkhordar

Hello, my name is Liane Barkhordar. I have lived in University City my whole life. I attended Doyle Elementary School, Standley Middle School, and University City High School. As an active member of our community, I enjoy the natural and community hallmarks UTC offers, such as Colony park and the local concerts and movie nights that have been held there. I've grown up seeing our community grow for the better over the years; for example, our parks have become better maintained and renovated (such as Doyle Park) and our infrastructure has expanded and grown (such as La Jolla Village Square).

When I have the opportunity to serve our community as a member of the UCPG board, I would like to continue to improve the navigability and accessibility of our streets and create avenues for more involvement in our community. With better outreach to our fellow community members, our group can become more responsive and representative to community needs. If elected, I will bring a fresh voice and perspective to the UCPG and serve our beautiful community.

District 2 Resident Seat C

Isabelle Kay

I am running for re-election to the UCPG. The role of the UCPG is to make recommendations to the City on land-use issues in our area. Because our area is growing, there are many development projects that come before the UCPG seeking a vote of support. Because of my past experience on the UCPG, I have learned what questions are important to ask about these proposals. I am able to be far more effective now in representing the interests of the community than I was when I was first on the UCPG. My experience makes a big difference.

I have lived in the area since 2001, within a 15-minute walk of UC San Diego, where I work. I am grateful to live close to work and to businesses that I use in the area. I enjoy riding my bike for errands and exercise. Last year while on my bike I was hit by a car. This incident has strengthened my resolve to work with the UCPG, UC San Diego students, and City of San Diego decisionmakers to quickly make significant improvements to the safety of biking in our community.

I work as the manager of UCSD's four natural reserves, lands that have been set aside to learn from natural processes and habitats. I am thankful to be entrusted with the stewardship of these beautiful lands. However, I am aware that these tiny islands of habitat cannot continue to nurture the rare and beautiful plants and animals that live within their bounds without the support of all of us who live, work, and play in the environs of UCSD. As a UCPG member, I am dedicated to protecting and enhancing the ecological integrity of our community's watersheds and open spaces. As a UCPG member, I have advocated for protections for open space areas. I have also advocated for environment-friendly measures to be incorporated by developers into their projects. These include landscaping with native plants, bird-safe glass for windows, and other measures.

I ask for your vote. I will continue to be a strong advocate for the quality of life and for the protection of the environment in our community as we grow.

District 3 Business Seat A

Neil DeRamos – No statement submitted.

District 3 Business Seat C

Steve Pomeranke -- No statement submitted.

District 3 Resident Seat A

Sasha Treadup

My name is Sasha Treadup. I am a San Diego native, and I grew up in the Scripps/Miramar area where I saw a lot of development and the shrinking of native habitat. I have lived and worked in University City for 10 years and often commute by bike. I'm on the landscaping committee at Genesee Highlands where I'm interested in including more native plants. I value the mature trees in my neighborhood and the riparian habitat of Rose Canyon where I run and walk. I am invested in a sustainable future for our community and as we grow, I would like to make sure we preserve and restore the remaining open space in University City.

District 3 Resident Seat C

Jon Arenz

My wife and I have been University City residents for nine years and have raised our two children here, both who are students at our local elementary and middle schools. I know and love this community and take great pride in the many diverse aspects that make UC what it is. From our residential neighborhoods and amazing outdoor spaces like Rose Canyon, to our shopping/entertainment options and thriving life sciences industry, we have a truly unique community.

I have been a UCPG board member for the past four years and have been a part of many important decisions on projects that have been approved or denied with the best interest of UC in mind. I believe that as a civil engineer, I bring a unique perspective to our discussions and help foster dialogue that assists in arriving at the best possible solution to challenges we face. While I am a proponent of smart growth and development, I also take great care in helping to ensure that environmental concerns and other factors that affect us as residents of UC are taken into consideration and mitigated with the development of projects.

I appreciate my time on the UCPG board and look forward to the opportunity to serve another three years.