

VILLAGE BOARD CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS (2 positions open)

William A. Taylor (Kendall Ridge)

It is my pleasure to have served on the village board for 18 years, representing our village. I have worked, and seen many projects in our village come to realization and have stood up for many projects that were not good for our village. In short, I would like to continue to be your voice and your ears for many years to come.

Nina Basu (Locust Park)

I love Long Reach and I have proudly served this community since 2003. I grew up in Howard County and soon after college moved to Long Reach. My husband and I are raising our children in this wonderful community. As a Board Member (and current Chair) I work to make sure LRCA serves its residents. I advocated for increased public safety, worked to achieve the land transfer from the developer to create the CA tennis facility, helped annex Snowden Overlook, and am working with the County on the redevelopment of the Village Center.

My goals for next term are: (1) to ensure the development of the Village Center into an attractive, safe, vibrant destination with retail and other uses; (2) to enhance public safety on our paths and open space; and (3) to continue to actively lobby CA and the County for investment and amenities in Long Reach.

Reginal T. Avery (Jeffers Hill)

Previously, I served and represented the residents of Oakland Mills as a member of the Village Board and then their CA Representative. Now, as a resident of the Village of Long Reach I wish to demonstrate my passion for service to the community and my ability to identify and solve the challenges to better the Village. I will fight to keep our neighborhood pools open and improved upon. I seek the opinions of our residents and looked for ways to bring new business opportunities to the community. I am a dedicated advocate for the community, its amenities and its schools while remaining focused on making Long Reach a better place to live. It is my goal to ensure that living in the community remains a positive and an exceptional experience for resident and visitors alike. I ask for the chance to serve you. Thank you for your vote.

COLUMBIA COUNCIL REP (1 position open)

Janet Evans (Locust Park)

As CA representative, I will continue the work I started in my first term – advocating for Long Reach and working toward making responsible decisions for the residents of Columbia. I believe in the vision on which Columbia was founded and want a community where we maintain open communication, celebrate our diversity and encourage engagement on various levels. Over the last two years, Long Reach has seen progress both as the site selected for the new CA Tennis Bubble (just starting construction) and toward the revitalization of the village center. There's work left to do and I am committed to doing what I can to ensure we are on track for a village center that will be an asset for us. I appreciate everyone who has reached out to me in my first term and hope that I will be able to continue the work I started.