

VILLAGE BOARD CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS (2 positions open)

Nina Basu (Phelps Luck)

I have proudly served Long Reach as a member of the village board, including as Board chair. On the Board, I have worked to make sure that LRCA serves its residents.

In the next term, I will continue to strongly advocate for investment and redevelopment of the Long Reach Village Center. While there are some minor improvements, it is important that we advocate for total redevelopment of the center, as promised when the County purchased the property. The community deserves better.

I will also continue to advocate for Long Reach priorities - such as the improvements to the stream north of Jackson Pond, updates to our tot lots, maintenance of our open space, and funding of our priorities as a community.

I have been honored to serve this community and hope you will allow me to continue to serve.

Reginald T. Avery (Jeffers Hill)

It has been my honor to serve on the Long Reach Village Board of Directors and once again, I respectfully ask for the privilege and opportunity to continue that service for another term. My passion lays in serving my community and at the same time identifying and solving the challenges the village faces. I have fought for improvements to the traffic patterns going in and out of our village. I will continue to keep our neighborhood pools open and modern. But primarily I continue to fight for the never-ending battle for a new Village Center by keeping the County centered on that purpose. I will continue to seek the opinion of the residents' and ways to bring new business opportunities to our community. I am a dedicated advocate for Long Reach and will continue to do so to make it a better place to live. Thank you for your vote.

COLUMBIA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES' STATEMENTS (1 position open)

Janet Evans (Locust Park)

As CA representative, I will continue to advocate for Long Reach and support responsible decisions for Columbia residents. This includes alignment with the CA strategic goals, increasing transparency, and improving communication between CA and the villages. I would like to see increased engagement in the community at all levels and opportunities to celebrate our diversity. The unprecedented pandemic has required difficult decision making and the need to scrutinize spending to ensure the budget aligns with community priorities. This work is ongoing and with the hiring of a new CA president and CEO, continuity on the board will be critical as he/she settles in.

Finally, we still have far to go with village center revitalization, a disappointing position to be in after all this time. I will continue to push the County, as current owner of the village center, for an actual plan for the space.

Adam Herson (Kendall Ridge)

To the Long Reach Community Association and Board of Directors:

I, Adam Herson, hereby announce my candidacy for Columbia Association Council Representative for the Village of Long Reach.

I have been drawn to civic involvement and leadership for quite some time. When the opportunity was presented me to run for this position, I was excited to take part of the process.

My family and I have called Columbia home for almost ten years. The Columbia Association touches us all in one way, shape or form on a daily basis. The valuable experience I have gained serving as President of my neighborhood's homeowner's association will serve me well, as I help guide the Columbia Association into another 50 years of prosperity. I would consider it a privilege to work with the board of directors, Columbia leadership, and every citizen who is fortunate to call the city of Columbia home.