

# VILLAGE BOARD CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

THE FOLLOWING SIX RESIDENTS ARE SEEKING ELECTION/REELECTION TO A TWO-YEAR TERM  
ON THE KINGS CONTRIVANCE VILLAGE BOARD

4 Seats are Open

## **Melissa Hogle**

I have been a resident of Huntington in the village of Kings Contrivance since 1987. I was lucky enough to raise my two daughters here where we were able to take part in many of the wonderful activities that Columbia has to offer such as: being members of the Huntington Dolphins Swim team, attending CA summer camps, using the skating rink, summer parties in the cul de sac, and the Supreme Sports Club to name a few. I absolutely love living here! With my fifth term now complete I am seeking re-election and asking for your vote. I would love to continue to serve our Village to ensure that we maintain the quality of life that we all enjoy by living here.

## **Madeleine Borowski**

I joined the village board in 2023 as I wanted to contribute to the neighborhood that raised me. I grew up in Dickinson. I participated each summer on the KC Waves swim team, worked as a lifeguard for the KC pool cluster, and graduated from Hammond High School in 2012. Now, my goal as a village board member is to ensure Kings Contrivance remains a great place to live for its residents. I am committed to the values and vision that Kings Contrivance was built on, but open to adapting and growing with the needs of the village. I would be grateful to continue to serve on the Kings Contrivance board for the next term.

## **Heidi Schweingruber**

I moved to Kings Contrivance as a single parent 15 years ago with two young children for the quality of life and proximity to nature. Now I am ready to give back to the community that has given us so much. My work in DC is on national science education policy and research and my weekends are with my grown sons and as part of the KC CARES leadership team. I've planned and staffed numerous community environmental events. My years here and my community experience have given me an understanding of how the village operates and the importance of the village board. I am eager to lend my voice and energy to the board to ensure that our community continues to be vital and supportive for all who live here. I am especially interested in ensuring we have activities for all ages and maintaining our beautiful woodlands and green spaces.

## **Paul Rader**

As a father, husband, and community volunteer, I hope to continue contributing positively to the neighborhood by serving on the Kings Contrivance Village Board. As a father, I care deeply about maintaining a safe, welcoming, family-friendly community—a "garden for growing people." As a dedicated volunteer, I am committed to putting the community's needs first. I am actively involved in local environmental projects and initiatives that have helped our neighborhood blossom in many ways. Strong leadership begins with honesty, transparency, and listening to every voice. I am committed to preserving Kings Contrivance's character while planning responsibly for its future, keeping our village a great place to call home.

Hopefully we run into each other sometime in the community or on the pathways with my family and our golden retriever. I would truly appreciate your support!

## **Vivian Feen**

Over the past two years, my service on the Board has deeply reinforced my belief that effective governance requires more than just a 'yes' or 'no' vote. I have learned that complex issues rarely have simple solutions, and I am committed to the process of asking the right questions to uncover the 'why' behind every challenge. By actively listening to my fellow Board members and, most importantly, the homeowners who share their concerns at our meetings, I've developed a balanced perspective that prioritizes thoughtful deliberation over quick assumptions. I would like to continue my service to ensure our decisions remain thorough, transparent, and truly reflective of our community's diverse needs.

## **Fred Nizio**

I'm running for reelection to the KC Village Board to continue to protect our neighborhood's quality of life and ensure every resident's voice is heard. As a longtime KC resident and member of the Village Board, I've voted to establish community events, safety initiatives, and open space improvements that bring neighbors together. If reelected, I will continue to prioritize transparent, responsive Board actions and decisions, fiscal responsibility in village budgeting, and common sense ideas for covenant enforcement and guidelines. I'll also continue to advocate for stronger partnerships with Howard County, Columbia Association, and the other village associations to secure resources for play areas, environmental programs, and other projects that may arise. I'm committed to community-first leadership that preserves our village's character through my work on the Architectural Committee and to plan responsibly for the future. I respectfully ask for your vote so we can move Kings Contrivance forward, together.