

Attached is the Reston Association Elections Committee certified list of individuals running for candidacy for the open RA Board At-Large Director seat (3-Year Term); North Point District Director seat (1-Year Term); and the South Lakes District Director seat (3-Year Term) in 2015.

### **At-Large Candidates (3-Year Term):**

**1. Bart Astor**

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Qualifications: (Word Count 120)

I have lived and worked in Reston for 7 years, having moved from Great Falls where we lived for 12 years. And I have served in many civic positions including:

Current : RA Fiscal Committee (2011- present);

RA 2012 Volunteer of the Year Board Member

President, Beacon Heights 2 HOA (2011- present)

Beacon Hill Cluster Assn. Board (2009 - present, Treasurer 2009-2011)

Past: Treasurer, Canterwood HOA, Great Falls, VA, (1998 - 2008)

Great Falls Citizen Assn. member (1999 - 2006)

Chair, Budget Committee, South Orange, NJ (1990 – 1994)

Zoning Board of Appeals, South Orange, NJ (1995 – 1996)

Town Manager Selection Committee, South Orange, NJ (1994)

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Carnegie Mellon University

Masters of Public Administration, San Jose State University.

Goals: (Word Count 149)

As former Speaker of the House, Tip O’Neill said, “all politics is local.” By being involved at the local level, we can have a major influence on the quality of life in our community. Reston is in the early stages of significant change, prompted mostly by the Metro, but also because of large-scale development. The resulting growth obligates us to be prepared. RA has done a good job so far, but none of us knows what will happen when all of the new residences and stores are occupied. We know we can anticipate thousands of new residents within the next few years. This will affect our infrastructure and our green space. As your representative I will do what I can to foresee the impact, tap the pulse of Restonites, be a forceful advocate for residents, and communicate openly. Transparency in governing is as essential as committing to the task.

## 2. Michael Sanio

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### Qualifications: (Word Count 143)

Elected RA At Large Director 2012, currently Secretary, member Board Planning Committee, Liaison to Fiscal, Environmental Advisory Committees; former member Legal Committee and Liaison to the Tennis Committee.

- 30 years' experience working locally/globally as a member, volunteer, consultant and senior staff and World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, incorporating the principles of sustainability – economic, social, and environmental in communities; employed American Society of Civil Engineers – ASCE in Reston.
- As a member of the Environmental Advisory Committee actively supported Reston Association incorporate sustainability – economic, social and environmental – as an organizational priority.
- Established the RAs' Sustainability Working Group; applied the principles to board discussions at Lake Anne, Baron Cameron and Reston National Golf Course; support Rescue Reston.
- Actively supporting a RA Board Member Code of Conduct and Governance Reform including transparency and community engagement.
- Masters in Engineering (University of Texas at Austin)

### Goals: (Word Count 137)

STRENGTHEN RA's VOICE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING – Development must focus on the diverse needs of the Reston community, reduce congestion, and promote transit oriented development. Transparency in RA Board decision making must be a priority.

NATURAL SPACES/PATHWAYS – Keep our pathway system safe and well maintained. Promote walkability and protect open space.

BUDGET – Manage assessments, ensure budget is used appropriately to maintain existing assets; balance investment in capital projects providing long-term benefits.

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES – Reston pools, tennis and other recreational facilities are valuable assets that need to be maintained. Indoor recreation facilities for year round use, particularly for youth should be a priority.

PHASE 2 RESTON MASTERPLAN – Protection and revitalization of Reston's historic Village Centers in a sustainable manner preserving our history and values is crucial as we move into the second 50 years of our community.

### 3. Ray Wedell

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#### Qualifications: (Word Count 149)

As Director at Rescue Reston, I am intimately familiar with issues involving the maintenance and sanctity of our open spaces in Reston. I have passionately worked with those who help support the community in keeping the golf course as open space. It is imperative that we defeat this last minute attempt at legal legerdemain by Northwest Mutual Insurance, and fortify the Reston Master plan to keep it from such covetous future attempts to claim our valuable open spaces.

As a Realtor for RE/MAX, I am very familiar with property values and neighborhood issues which affect property values.

I have a strong financial background. A Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), I worked at HUD, GNMA (financial analyst), Freddie Mac (Security Sales and Trading), and on Wall Street at Donaldson Lufkin Jenrette (mortgage trading and sales). I have participated in the execution of creative financial plans more intricate than those I propose.

#### Goals: (Word Count 142)

To Preserve Open Spaces and Adopt Policies that will maintain/increase property values – Development is encroaching everywhere, and much of that development has the same need for maintenance of existing open space we have as current residents. We must immediately cease ceding any Reston-owned space to private developers, and not allow that precedent to gain a foothold.

*Spruce up Village Centers* in a manner preserving their culture as community centers.

*Spruce up clusters* with the establishment of a Reston Infrastructure Bank. Many of our clusters and homes appear to be “dated” and need a facelift. Any Reston property owner an interest-free, 24-month, loan with prescribed ceilings to perform “sprucing up” and necessary improvements to enhance property values and quality of life. For clusters as a whole, a larger loan amount available for an entire community common ground facelift, if approved by community residents.

## **North Point District Candidates (1-Year Term):**

### 1. Charles Dorfeuille

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#### Qualifications: (Word Count 147)

From the first meetings of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee to my active participation in the Community Engagement Advisory Committee, I've developed a sense of respect for the association. I've also gained a desire to protect what reston is for future restonians.

Living lived in the NOVA area for the past13 years, I've been able to witness restons unique features from without and within the community. With my last 6 years in reston I have been able to take advantage of that uniqueness from soccer, to tennis, to swimming. I see what is different about reston, and I see what must be done to make sure that it is the same for future Restonians. I hope to be able to

bring a more common sense approach to the board of directors, so that everyone may be able to take advantage of what Reston has to offer.

Goals: (Word Count 112)

With the changes taking place in Reston today, I believe we must hold true to who we are as a community. As a member of the Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program I saw this region was facing many difficult problems, but great possibilities in regards to development. Though there must be development, we must make it clear to the board of supervisors that we do not wish to become just another faceless metro stop.

I also see it as a goal of mine to not only better involve residents to the events of the association, but to better provide cluster residents general information relating to common issues face by both resident groups.

**2. Danielle LaRosa**

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Qualifications: (Word Count 147)

- **Reston Association Board Director**, North Point. Current and active RA fiscal and legal committee member.
- **15+ year career in finance**. Proven track record in accounting, analysis, investments and budgets. Have successfully managed projects, multi-million dollar transactions and effectively managed crises and complaints. Profound respect of the financial impact that RA decisions have on our members.
- **Numerous volunteer positions**. PTA President, Treasurer, Committee Chair, Religious Education teacher, Girl Scout leader, YIM Coach for Reston Runners.

Through these efforts, I have seen firsthand the:

- Positive effects of transparency and communications;
  - Immense efforts of, and great results obtained from, Reston's volunteers; and
  - Importance of sound finances.
- **Feet on the street!** Residents since 1991, my husband and I have four children who participate in Reston's many activities and attend our public schools. I am outside, in our community daily, seeing firsthand what works and what needs improvement.

Goals: (Word Count 150)

My goals are centered on four themes: communication, integrity, fiscal responsibility and effective participation with Fairfax County. I plan to:

- Communicate, listen, respond to our members' needs.
- Participate fully within a Board that will work with the proper authority, accountability and will work effectively, transparently and ethically in the best interest of Reston.
- Maximize the return from member dues and ensure that funds are spent for the greatest good of the community.
- Ensure that financial information is presented to the Board in such a manner that the board can make complete, well-informed decisions.

- Ensure that RA is an active, vocal and effective participant in Fairfax County decisions which impact Reston.
- Work with RA, Reston organizations and Fairfax County to improve traffic, cyclist, pedestrian safety.
- Put action to the issues facing my neighbors and will approach each decision with good stewardship, transparency and honesty.

## **South Lakes District Candidates (3-Year Term):**

### **1. Julie Bitzer**

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#### Qualifications: (Word Count 134)

It's time to give back as a 34-year resident of our extraordinary Reston community, which blends multi-economic residential, commerce, culture and open space. With BS/MBA degrees, 37 years in Information Technology management in sales and programs with budget responsibility, I bring strategic/tactical skills and experience. As a homeowner bordering on Reston National golf course, I am a Rescue Reston advocate and have a Masters in Landscape Design. I am invested in our open space and trails as a Reston Runner, golfer, bicyclist, and community garden plot owner. Past Treasurer, Deepwood Homeowners Association Board. Past Advisory Board and past Women's Golf President, Hidden Creek Country Club. Member, Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE). These responsibilities and experiences demonstrate my ability to collaborate, team, and lead – and my desire to bring results to South Lakes and RA.

#### Goals: (Word Count 113)

- To ensure that today's and tomorrow's Restonians will be able to fully enjoy all facets of our planned community's vision of "Live-Work-Play".
- To maintain and improve our RA services but also to reduce and eliminate little-used services.
- To support transparency and full process in RA decision-making and expenditures.
- To promote communications and responsiveness between all constituencies.
- To engage in dialog in pursuit of common ground and resolution of potentially opposing interests of residents, business and government. Areas of issue might include: Reston Master Plan, Commercial development outside of the current Dulles Corridor, Revitalization of village centers, Recreational facilities/use, Open space/preservation of land, Transit and Metro options and optimization.

## 2. **Richard Chew**

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### Qualifications: (Word Count 132)

Currently the South Lakes District Director on the Board of Directors. Prior service as an At-Large Director.

Long-time south Reston resident with extensive community service.

I bring to this candidacy ...

- Values based on openness, truthfulness, accountability
- Demonstrated commitment to environmental, fiscal and social responsibility
- Broad understanding of our Association's operations, including its strengths, shortcomings, and opportunities
- Commitment to working collaboratively with fellow directors, RA staff, and our Members to serve the Association's short- and long-term needs
- Currently serve on Legal Committee. Prior service as liaison to Design Review Board and Covenants Committees
- Former president of an RA cluster
- Experience working with other clusters on matters related to governing documents, design guidelines and routine cluster management
- Strong professional background managing projects, programs and operations

### Goals: (Word Count 133)

My goal is to be a productive member of the Board who constantly challenges my fellow directors to:

- Refocus on improving the “Member Experience” through enhanced customer service, increased educational materials, and broader programming
- Work with staff to promote the Essential Elements of Reston as standards for the development, redevelopment, and revitalization of our community
- Maintain RA's excellent programs, services and facilities while carefully anticipating and planning for changes that will surely occur in the coming years
- Grow the assessment base, find new revenue sources, improve operational efficiency and effectiveness, and adopt lean budgets
- Be more aggressive in seeking funding from the external sources to maintain, enhance and expand our recreational facilities
- Explore “out-of-box” solutions

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#### Qualifications: (Word Count 149)

It was a privilege to serve on the RA Board from 2011-2014; an experience that should allow me to “hit the ground running” in a second term. It has also been helpful, for perspective, to be away from the Board for the past year. I am confident that my role as a business leader in the telecommunications industry, my MBA from the University of Chicago, and the knowledge and relationships built through my local volunteer activities have created a powerful foundation to address the issues facing our community.

Highlights from recent experiences that strengthen my qualifications are:

- 3 years RA Fiscal committee; leading important updates to RA budgeting processes
- 2 years RA representative on the County-led Phase 1 Reston Master Plan Task Force
- 2 years RA Board VP
- Vice-chair of the Southgate Community Center Advisory Board
- Active Cornerstones volunteer
- Leadership Fairfax, 2014 graduate

#### Goals: (Word Count 148)

While challenges we face today are different from those of the past, I believe our community’s founding principles should continue to be the measure by which we set our policies. With these in mind, I would move RA toward the following goals:

- Develop, optimize and allocate financial resources to sustain and enhance the Association’s physical infrastructure
- Keep assessments on a reasonable trajectory
- Establish relationships and processes that enhance RA’s influence in the re-development of our community
- Increase engagement with our overall community to better understand interests; and represent those interests in RA policy and program creation

With your vote, I will be able to continue my track record of accomplishment from my previous term which included the installation of lights on the Brown’s Chapel little-league field, restructuring of RA’s financial budgeting processes, and representing RA vision into the County-led Reston Master Plan Task Force.