



## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

### **Amir Golalipour**

My name is Amir Golalipour and I have been living in Hillcrest Cluster since 2016. This is my first home and I loved choosing this neighborhood for my residence because of its great urban design and peaceful environments. I am proud to be serving on the Hillcrest board since 2020 and currently as the vice president of our HOA. During my tenure on the board, I've been involved with civil engineering projects to utilize my expertise to ensure our infrastructure assets are in good condition. My recent projects were the installation of ADA ramps for our cluster sidewalks and road crack sealing preservation project.

I am a Program Manager with Federal Highway Administration. I am managing projects related to infrastructure design, construction, and maintenance. Beside serving public as a federal civilian employee, I am always enthusiastic about doing volunteer activities. I am very passionate about community development and children education, so I also have been spending some of my time to organize and help cultural and educational events as well as collaborating with local college student groups in the DMV area.

I am running again for the board position, and I would be honored to continue serving our cluster's residents. My goal is to utilize my experiences to maintain healthy infrastructure for the Hillcrest community.

### **Richard Stevens**

I currently hold the position of Treasurer on the Hillcrest Cluster Association Board of Director. I am a long time resident of Hillcrest Cluster whose children grew up here and went to the local schools. I have served on the Cluster Board on three occasions. The first was for 8 years in the late 1980s to the early 1990s; I returned to the Board in 2015; and then again in mid 2023 as a replacement for a Board member who was relocating. I have seen the cluster change and age over the years and believe we must preserve the character of the cluster's infrastructure (roads and sidewalks) and common property, as well as the condition of our homes. These amenities, taken together, help to preserve and increase the value of our homes in which we all have an invested interest. In conjunction with the Board, I developed and implemented an asset management plan to improve Saffold Way and its sidewalks. I also work with other Board members to implement the findings of the Common Property Management Plan which is designed to improve the Clusters common grounds to prevent erosion and to address other landscaping issues such as aging trees and shrubs. As Treasurer, and in conjunction with other Board members, I develop expenses and revenue for our calendar year budget, and coordinate with Capital Property Management on a monthly basis to evaluate the performance of our budget. I



will continue to work on these and other efforts to ensure Hillcrest Cluster is one of the most desirable places to live in Reston.

**Dan Cwieka**

My name is Dan Cwieka and I reside at 11183. My wife Kaitlyn and I have been calling Saffold Way our home for about two and a half years now. While this may not sound like a long time, I like to think that I can bring a young, fresh perspective to the mix. I have enjoyed every day that I have lived on Saffold Way and I do not plan on moving any time soon.

A few of my interests are outdoor activities: namely biking, gardening and walking. It is very possible that many of you have seen Kaitlyn and I walking around our neighborhood since it is one of our favorite after dinner activities. For those of you we have seen out and about, I have enjoyed how outgoing and friendly many of you are. I would also like to share that recently, Kaitlyn and I have celebrated our one year wedding anniversary. While we currently do not have any children, it's great seeing how family friendly our cluster is. If elected to the Board, I would like to support initiatives that continue the tradition of Hillcrest being a well run cluster. I would also like to encourage more communication. I think that hearing more feedback from residents is beneficial for us all and can address any issues the Board may not be aware of otherwise. In closing, I appreciate your consideration for this position.

**Zack Fink**

My name is Zack Fink and I'm running for the board because I don't want to see the management of our neighborhood handed to a for-profit company with no interest in our community. I was born and raised in Reston and moved to Hillcrest with my wife Francesca Cervero in 2021. Our son Max (he's 2) joined us here in 2022. I work as an ecologist and I'm most happy when I'm engaged in landscape architecture and environmental restoration (including wetland and stream restoration and stormwater management). Aside from being a father and husband, my interests are hiking, photography and cars.

As a member of the board, I'd work to keep our common areas safe and beautiful by focusing our resources on maintenance, planting trees/shrubs and adding speed bumps. And that's about it. Other than being a steward for our common areas, I'd make sure our HOA stays in the background.