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### VICE PRESIDENT

#### **KAT GREENBAUM'S Candidate Statement:**

When I first moved to Mar Vista over eight years ago, I marveled at the oasis that was Ocean View Farms, sitting up on the hill, its own gated and wonderful patch of green here in Los Angeles. After several years of admiring the garden from a distance, I put my name down for a plot. I knew the wait would be long, but that it would be worth it. Three years later, after regularly checking our position on the waitlist, I found out we'd finally been given a plot. In the intervening year, the garden has become a refuge, where I go to think, to work with my hands and to connect with other gardeners in the community.

Growing up on a small farm in New England, working in the garden was an integral part of my childhood. While my parents favored flowers—the deer were pesky and tended to eat veggies—there was never a shortage of weeds to pull, beds to turn, grass to mow, or blooms to sniff. After many years of living in cities as an adult, OVF has brought me back to the garden. Our garden is a truly special haven that has supported generations of gardeners, and during my comparatively short tenure as a member, it has come to hold an important part of my heart. I am running for Vice President because I believe in the garden, and know how special it is to members, those of us who are new and those who have been gardening here for decades. I also know that it is a place that needs constant care and upkeep to make it somewhere we all love to spend our hours. As Vice President I want to hear from you, our members, what you think would help keep our garden going strong. I am a technologist by trade, working in industrial technology for the construction and agriculture industries. I am also currently pursuing an MBA part time at UCLA. I have a head for business strategy, and want to ensure that our garden is around for generations to come, so that we all continue to have a thriving place to meditate on the beauty of nature, and unwind with our hands in the dirt.



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### GARDEN MASTER

#### **ED MOSMAN'S Candidate Statement :**

Ed Mosman for Garden Master

I have been a member of Ocean View Farms since 1981, became a Phase Rep in 1982 and have been your Garden Master for 39 years. With your vote I will continue to discharge my responsibilities to the best of my ability, including but not limited to:

- Direct Garden operations
- Maintain communications with recreation & Parks
- Maintain communications with vendors
- Schedule & direct workday operations
- Schedule & perform equipment maintenance
- Procure maintenance supplies
- Direct plumbing operations
- Manage common area maintenance & pruning operations
- Schedule regular meetings and direct Phase Rep activities
- Direct and execute recycle operations
- Maintain composting schedules
- Direct mulch deliveries and operations
- Direct mailbox & hose rack installation & maintenance

Thank you for your support and I look forward to continuing to serve as your Garden Master.



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### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

#### **LISA BRODERICK'S Candidate Statement :**

To: OVF Membership March 2023

My Name is Lisa Broderick and I have been a member of the Garden since 2016 in the Upper Phase 2. I enjoy growing wildflowers, herbs and beets. I am running for the Membership Secretary of the Garden. I have a good sense of how this process works and have the requisite skills and time to perform the tasks efficiently and objectively. I have over 3 decades of corporate experience, and am currently retired.

I enjoy going to the garden, meeting new people and learning about gardening techniques from the many knowledgeable gardeners that we have in our membership. I look forward to giving back to the garden by taking on this active role in the membership process and being on the Board.



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### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

#### **JOSEPH SCHLITT'S Candidate Statement :**

Hello my name is Joseph Schlitt, and I am running for the Membership Chair position. I don't believe in spending time naming all my past experience other than I've worked civil service most of my life and had direct contact with the public. What I will say is that I believe the garden needs some crucial updates in regards to potential new members to be aware of the demands of having a plot and keeping it up.

I would like to implement two new things we're in this position potential new members could be properly informed of what is expected as a new member. First I would like to have a few videos demonstrating what it means to have a plot and properly care for it. The various ways to get your yearly hours, the basic understanding of rules regulations and are bylaws. And finally the resources we offer to all members that will help them become successful gardeners.

My second plan is to work with our new Public Outreach person, Shirley Vernale that will be giving tours of the garden for public visitors. It would be nice to have small groups of potential members ready to get their plot so they can see both the joy and the challenges what it means to maintain your plot.

In doing these two things the goal would be that new members have a full understanding what they will be challenged with, and if they are not up to the challenge they can back out of getting a plot, which would save lots of time for themselves and the phase reps that need to take them through the process as a new member. My belief is it's better to know your challenges ahead of time, then to end up investing time out of your life in disappointment knowing that having the privilege of a plot can be very demanding.

I thank you for your time in reading this, and send you blessings.

Joseph Schlitt



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### INDEPENDENT PROJECTS MONITOR

#### **TANYA BROKAW'S Candidate Statement :**

Hello OVF Gardeners!

It has been a pleasure to serve OVF as Independent Projects Monitor the past two years.

I have met the many diverse OVF members who work hard to keep the OVF Independent Projects beautiful. I have assigned fourteen Independent Projects to new gardeners, and I have supervised the division of a large Independent Project into three new Independent Projects so that more gardeners can have the opportunity to care for fruit trees.

Independent Project gardeners have harvested and shared fruit: grapefruit, oranges, lemons, tangerines, persimmons, limes and dragon fruit. The fruit has been distributed at General Meetings, at give away under the pine tree, and shared by walking the garden and offering to members in their plots.

Helping to care for OVF fruit trees, with members and with the help of OVF Orchard supervisor Gale Jones, has been a great joy and I thank OVF members for giving me this opportunity.

I hope to continue to serve, and I would greatly appreciate your vote for me.

Thank you!  
Tanya Brokaw



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**PHASE 1 UPPER REPRESENTATIVE**

**DEAN CLEVERDON'S Candidate Statement :**

DEAN CLEVERDON – UPPER PHASE ONE – PLOTS G16/G18  
Running for Upper Phase I Phase Representative

Nancy and I have been members of Ocean View Farms since 1996. You may have planted one of our tomato seedlings we leave under the tree every year.

Currently I am working with Karl Lisovsky and the composting crew on Saturday mornings and assist the Board doing data entry.

Projects I have worked on with Frank Harris and others over the years include improving the community area (shade cloth installation, rebuilding the bleachers and buffet table) and installing the water catchment system.

As Phase Rep I would do my best to make gardening for the members the safe and pleasant experience it should be.







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**PHASE 2 UPPER REPRESENTATIVE**

**MARIE GREEN'S Candidate Statement :**

I have been a member of the OVF community since 2004. Gardening is my solace and pleasure- it was my go to place during covid! I have also been on the greenhouse committee since its inception 10 years ago. I have been a phase rep for upper 2 for the last 3 years and I hope to continue working with you and representing you at board meetings for the next 2 years. Since I was elected in 2021, I have welcomed and orientated 12 new gardeners to our phase. As your phase rep, I promise to keep you informed on the goings on in OVF and thank you for your support. There will be on line and in person voting available to you- YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!



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### PHASE 3 UPPER REPRESENTATIVE

#### **RON FINE'S Candidate Statement :**

I think Upper Phase 3 members know who I am. I have been a garden member since 2005 and a Board member as a Phase Rep since 2008. I've enrolled many of our current Phase 3 members. And now its time for another election.

Like the community outside, our OVF community is comprised of members who are young and old, and from many different social, cultural and economic back grounds. We would not all agree on everything but finding a place like OVF where you can come and simply enjoy the garden and your friends and escape the outside world is something to be truly treasured. One of my main goals, as a member of the Board, is to ensure that this attitude of acceptance and tolerance which makes OVF such a special community remains strong. I will continue to treat everyone with respect for who they are and with the understanding that no one wants to be hassled or threatened.

These last few years have been the most contentions times I have experienced on the Board. Because of the attitude and behavior of a few Board members, a number of regular members have felt discriminated against and bullied. Rec and Parks (the city agency who grants us the permit to operate OVF) has received a number of serious complaints from members concerning this conduct. Along with a few other Board members I have been seeking ways to eliminate these problems and return OVF to the open and accepting garden it always has been.

With these goals in mind, and working with Rec and Parks, we are starting a complete review of our Bylaws to update them and to encourage more participation of members and to eliminate the causes of many of the complaints members have voiced over the past three years. With your support I hope to continue these efforts to facilitate everyone having a positive experience at OVF.

If you think I've done a good job as your Phase Representative please take the time to vote for me again for Upper Phase 3 Representative. And, as always, if you have any questions or comments please feel free to email me or call me or come to talk with me in the garden anytime.

Thank for your time and your vote.

**Ron Fine**

Upper Phase 3 Representative

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### PHASE 3 UPPER REPRESENTATIVE

#### **NINA RUMELY'S Candidate Statement :**

Hi Upper Phase Three,

Many of you know me as the Greenhouse Keeper and current Education Chair. I now want to focus on our phase – my home at OVF. We've had the same phase rep for 14 years. Let's change this up!

I enjoy walking around the garden, introducing new phase members to current members and seeking solutions to our common issues. As Education Chair, I have taught classes on Building Your Soil and Varmint Control. In past years, I taught Rose Pruning, Fruit Tree Pruning and Basic Organic Gardening. As Greenhouse Keeper, for the last eight years I have taught the popular Seed Starting class.

I'm running for Phase Rep because I want things to be better in our phase. I believe your phase rep should help you and your garden. Your phase rep should not badger you with emails. Your phase rep should not be condescending or dismissive of your concerns. I will take the time to listen to you.

As Phase Rep, I plan to focus on the phase, not on political games at the Board. I want to help you garden your plot. I have no ego wrapped up in being Phase Rep. I'm just happy to garden my plot and I'm very grateful to be a member of OVF. I want to encourage gardeners to be more confident in what they grow and how to care for their plants.

We can make OVF better, we can work together to address our common issues in a cooperative and open way. I believe that I would be a much different phase rep than the current 14 year incumbent. Change is good. I offer you a change. Thanks for considering me for the position of 3U Phase Rep.

Nina Rumely



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**PHASE 4 UPPER REPRESENTATIVE**

**STEVEN REICH'S Candidate Statement :**

It's been a pleasure to serve as your Upper 4 Phase Rep the past few years. Ocean View Farms has always been my happy place, as I hope it's been for you too. My main goal remains to keep it that way for all of us. Happy Gardening!