

Candidate Statements for UCPG Elections March 2023

Carol Uribe: Business Seat 1-A

I have been a UC resident since 1984. I am interested in preserving the quality of life here in University City together with the structure that we're all used to. We need to grow but preserving the quality of life is an important factor.

Karen Martien: Residential Seat 1-A

I have lived in and worked in UC since 1995 and have been on the board since Nov 2021. Density in UC has been increasing since 1995 and will be increasing in the coming decades. My goal is to ensure growth happens that enhances quality of life for all residents, celebrates and protects the natural beauty of the area, and is located close to live/work/play that considers our climate action goals. I am interested in infrastructure to mitigate the traffic increase that comes with growth and I am interested in pedestrian and cyclist safety issues. I helped get the intersection at Governor and Genesee intersection improved. I have lived in north UC, south UC, and I have been both a renter and homeowner. I have lived here as a student, a young professional, and a parent raising two young children.

Fay Arvin: Business Seat 2-A

I have been living in UC since 1998, have rented and owned a residence here, and have run a business in the area. I love UC and enjoy being part of the planning group.

Chris Nielsen: Residential Seat 2-A

I am currently a board member of the UCPG, elected 5 years ago in 2018, becoming chair at the same time. My goal is to help guide the UCPG to revise the bylaws to confirm to the new council policies governing operations of planning groups and help guide the UCPG through plan update. I have experience in handling the large projects brought to us for review. I have worked on the city-wide community planners committee and its subcommittees that review planning group governance, housing, and the land development code.

Neil DeRamos: Business Seat 3-A

My name is Neil DeRamos and I'm a Senior Director, Operations for Irvine Company. I've been with Irvine Company for 11 years and currently oversee a portfolio of commercial office buildings in UTC, Mission Valley and Downtown.

I've been a UCPG board member for the last 2 years and I'm declaring to re-run for 2023 representing district Business-3A. My goal is to continue adding value to the growth of UC and participating on topics impacting the residents and businesses of this community. This group is very passionate about weighing-in on topics such as, new developments, transportation, impacts to environment and our safety, just to name a few. I enjoy participating in our growth and would love to continue my role with UCPG.

Sasha Treadup: Residential Seat 3-A

I have lived in UC for 10 years and in San Diego for my entire life. My goal is to promote a walkable University City, encourage a green University City, and to protect Rose Canyon. I am also interested in bike lanes as reflected in the way I foresee the future for UC.