

## Personal Statements from 2024 Nominees for NVC Roles

### **Overseer Candidates**

*This year, one current Overseer, Vicky Matthews, is nominated for re-election for an additional term. Two Overseers, Brady Brim-DeForest and Judy Metcalf, are retiring from the board. The Nominations Committee nominates Kristen Mix and Elaine Moss for election to the NVC Board of Overseers.*

#### ***Victoria L. Matthews, Nominated for re-election to a fourth term as Overseer***

I grew up in Maine, leaving after high school for college and a career. I returned during the summer every year for vacation and in 2001 I moved to Bayside, returning to Maine full time. In 2015 I was asked if I would run for an overseer seat. Though I had little knowledge of what that actually meant, I was assured I could learn.

Now, nine years later, I am running for another 3 year term. I have found being an overseer to be not only an enlightening and educational experience, but it has allowed me to become engaged in the community in ways I would have missed. I have held various positions on the many committees and am currently serving as chairperson of the Parks and Trees committee and as Tree Warden. We are working on several projects that I would like to see through to the end, the Bluff/Shore Road path, planting trees and removing invasive plants in our public areas. I feel that everyone in a small community should take a turn at helping to govern it in a positive way and I am grateful for having had this opportunity and hope to continue for another term.

#### ***Kristin Mix, Nominated for election for a first term as Overseer***

I am honored to be nominated to be an overseer for Bayside, a community I have loved for more than 40 years. I began visiting in the 1980s with my former college roommate, Connie Wilson Enniss, whose family has owned a cottage here for several generations. I was thrilled to be able to become a resident last fall when I bought the Pioneer cottage. Although I live in Denver during the winter, I plan to spend May through September in Bayside for the foreseeable future. To me Bayside is unique and very special, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve the community and continue all the good work accomplished to date.

I retired from my position as a United States Magistrate Judge on the federal court in Denver in August of last year after serving on the bench for sixteen years. I now work part-time as a mediator and arbitrator with the Judicial Arbitrator Group, a consortium of retired state and federal judges based in Denver. I hope that my legal background will help me bring a useful perspective to the board. My goal will be to listen and serve with the well-being of the community as my highest priority.

### ***Elaine Moss, Nominated for election to a first term as Overseer***

My family has been coming to Bayside for almost twenty years, which I understand makes me a bit of a late arrival. However, in those two decades, I have come to understand and appreciate the histories woven into the fabric of our dear Village. My family was fortunate to have the opportunity to purchase a cottage on North Avenue in 2010. My kids grew up in Bayside enjoying the playground, parks, and sailing school, so I have a deep appreciation of the way the Village is a place for the everyone, from the very young to those who were young a few decades ago.

I have been serving on the Governance Committee for several years under the tutelage of Overseer Judy Metcalf and I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the Village in some capacity. I have been practicing law in St. Louis, Missouri for the last thirty years. I recently moved to Bangor, Maine, which will allow me to serve as an Overseer, if so elected. The commute to Sunday morning meetings is a bit easier from Bangor.

Thank you for considering me as a candidate to represent you as an Overseer.

### **Officer Candidate**

*The Officers of the NVC also serve three year terms; officer positions are filled on a rolling basis, so the Village elects only one of the three officer positions each year. This year we are voting on the role of President.*

### ***Janae Novotny, Nominated for re-election as President***

My name is Janae Novotny, a year-round resident of Bayside, and the current president of the Northport Village Corporation. After I served as a Utility Trustee and an Overseer, I ran for president three years ago in the hopes that I could contribute to keeping the magic of Bayside alive for all of us to enjoy. I knew it would be a great educational experience and might well be demanding - three years later both have proven to be true. I hoped that my background as a lawyer and community volunteer in California would prove useful and indeed it has.

Like my predecessors, the president wears many ever-changing hats. I serve as a resource for the Overseers, officers and village employees, helping to guide the work and to maintain focus on the key issues that allow us to operate and preserve the village. All who serve the village – the Board of Overseers, the other officers, the Village Agent and I - often face new challenges as Village needs change – shoreline stabilization, increasing operating costs, and building and maintaining a productive and collaborative relationship with the Town of Northport. I enjoy this work a great deal, and I believe that I have more to contribute. So, I have decided to once again ask for your vote for another 3-year term as President.