

Cheviot Hills HOA Board Bios, Election Meeting 2024

Martin Bischoff

I am the current treasurer and have been the treasurer for over 35 years. I am a practicing CPA in West Los Angeles. I have lived in Cheviot Hills for 49 years and have been a member of the board for most of those years. I am concerned about the development that is impacting Cheviot and the change that is taking place as well as the Crime and traffic.

Gigi Decavalles-Hughes

Gigi has lived in Cheviot Hills with her husband Kevin since 1998. During this time, Gigi and Kevin raised their son and daughter, benefitting from all that the neighborhood has to offer, from the kids going to Overland Elementary, Palms Park camps, and the many sports activities at Palms and Rancho Park. Gigi recently retired from a 26 year career with the City of Santa Monica, where she served as Chief Financial Officer and previously worked in the administration of community and youth programs, homeless services, affordable housing programs, and economic development.

Ellen Doyle

Ellen Doyle and her family have lived in Cheviot Hills since 2014. Ellen is a former animation writer and is now a substitute teacher. Ellen resides in a 1925 Spanish (built by and lived in by Walter Roland McConnell) and loves the charm of Cheviot Hill's historic homes and beautiful tree-lined streets. She is interested in historic preservation and fostering a sense of community in the neighborhood.

James Gilbert

James Gilbert has lived in Cheviot Hills for over 20 years. He is a real estate attorney on the westside. He has two daughters. James loves the architectural features of the homes in Cheviot, the walkability of the neighborhood, its proximity to restaurants, shopping and cultural amenities, but most of all, the friendliness of our fellow Cheviot residents. His work on the board is devoted to addressing traffic issues, enhancing the landscaped medians in Cheviot, and working with cellular telephone companies to address issues related to cellular telephone installations in Cheviot.

Cindy Kane

Cindy is a native of Los Angeles. She has lived in Cheviot Hills since 1991 with her husband Michael. She has raised her two children in Cheviot Hills and was an active member of the Overland Elementary, Palms Middle School, Pali High and Marlborough School communities. She joined the CHHOA board in 2016 and has been secretary since 2017. She is a member of the LAPD WLA Community-Police Advisory Board. She oversees Neighborhood Watch, Membership, and maintains the HOA website. She volunteers her time at The People Concern.

Mike Mandel

Michael has lived in Cheviot Hills with his wife and two children since 2009 and has been on the Board since 2013. He is an attorney specializing in employment law while his wife is an IT Project Manager. His kids are both alumni of Overland Avenue Elementary and they spend countless hours at Palms Park and the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center. His primary interest in serving on the Board has been to address the safety of the neighborhood, as he has experienced firsthand the effects of being a victim of crime. He is a Neighborhood Watch block captain and can be regularly spotted walking their dog Gracie around the neighborhood.

Marcie Newby

Marcie is a native of West Los Angeles. She has lived in Cheviot Hills since 1998 with her husband Jon where they raised their two children. Marcie has served one term on the CHHOA board. During that term, she worked on redesigning and launching our updated CHHOA website, headed the 2024 membership drive and chaired the Centennial Celebration Committee.

Mark Sedlander

Mark Sedlander loves working with his neighbors to keep Cheviot Hills the best neighborhood in Los Angeles, where he lives with his wife, two sons, and a golden retriever named Sunny. He has been on the Cheviot Hills HOA Board since he moved to the neighborhood in 2016. He is an attorney based in Century City.