

Message from nominated Board applicant Tom Bené:

Hello. My name is Tom Bené and I have been a resident within the proposed SBD boundary since 2013. I served on the SBD Steering Committee, and I have been nominated for an SBD Board of Commissioners position. My goal for the SBD is to keep it simple with clear goals while trying to maximize community benefit with as little cost as possible.

Goal 1 - I believe the neighborhood security project using AwareNet software is an effective tool to disrupt potential criminal activity in the boundary during hours when most of us are asleep. I plan to actively monitor updates of its effectiveness and will work to ensure that it conducts itself in a responsible manner for our community.

Goal 2 - I am a frequent user of our wonderful parks and I think they are cornerstones of community engagement for the children, parents, adults and grandparents. I plan to devote efforts to have the SBD work with Friends of Francis Park, Friends of Willmore Park, St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association, local Alderman, and City Parks Department to help be a funding source in partnership with those great organizations to assist the parks in projects led by those organizations weather its from playground investment/repair or other future projects that may arise.

Goal 3 - I would also like to see the SBD be a funding partner working with Alderman ward capital to match or contribute investment in the sidewalk program so more residents who have been on list can get sidewalks replaced which helps the overall safety of the community whether you are on walk with your dog, going for a jog or a child riding a bike, we all benefit from safe sidewalks.

These are my goals as a proposed member as I look to work with the other Board members, the various committees, the other local organizations and businesses, and our residents to make this effort a helpful tool for the community. I support ensuring the max cap of \$250 stays in place during the term of the SBD and that the rate charged does not exceed .35.

Message from nominated Board applicant Brian Hoeltge:

Hi, my name is Brian Hoeltge. My wife (Joanna) and I and our two sons (Roman and Solomon) have lived in St. Louis Hills since 2019. We love this neighborhood with its rich heritage, culture, gorgeous parks and, mostly, people. We were first attracted to this community 15 years ago and knew right away this was the place we wanted to call home and to raise our children. Recently, we became passionate about increasing the safety of our neighborhood and community and felt the AwareNet cameras and private-duty officers were an effective way of deterring crime, which had become more and more prevalent. As parents of a 5-year-old and 18-month-old, we wanted to do our part to ensure they have the opportunity to grow and learn and play in a safe environment. When donations were asked for funding the private-duty officer to patrol our neighborhood, we were among the first to sign up, having first-hand

witnessed their effectiveness at curtailing property crime. When the Special Business District (SBD) proposal was announced, we immediately jumped on board wanting to do our part-- whatever part that may be--to bring safety back to our community. I have served on the SBD Steering Committee and entered for a Board position. While the safety of our community is first in my mind and heart, I am also encouraged by what this district can do with funds to improve our community aesthetically. And as a proposed Board member, I would look to work with the other Board members and represent the community for improvements we'd like to see to continue to make St. Louis Hills the best community in St. Louis and allow it to thrive well into the future. This community has been such a special place for families for nearly a century. And I would like to do my part to see it continue to be special for today's families and future generations.

Message from nominated Board applicant Don Orf:

Hi. My name is Don Orf. My wife, Kathy and I have lived in St. Louis Hills for a little over 30 years-- we are committed City residents who have raised our family in this neighborhood--a neighborhood we're proud to call our home. Over the last several years, I've become involved in some projects around the neighborhood, mostly related to the street changes we've seen around Francis Park, on Hampton, and the newest effort-- which is just starting--on Jamieson. I've also been the chair of the Streets & Property Committee of the SLHNA for a couple of years. I am a member of the SBD Steering Committee and have been nominated to serve on the SBD Board of Commissioners if the SBD passes on August 8. As a longtime resident of the area and the city, I want to see our neighborhood remain safe, secure and accessible for those who live here and for our visitors; and looking forward, I want to keep it that way for future residents. My goals as a Board member are simple: to fund the successful security initiative going forward; to help to develop resident led committees that will advise the Board on what we can do with our funds to improve the quality of life in St. Louis Hills; and to be a good steward of the funds we receive from the SBD.

Message from nominated Board applicant John Fuchs:

Hello, my name is John Fuchs and have resided here in St. Louis Hills and the Parish of St. Gabriel since 1960. I have been active in many capacities for my parish, as well as events for the St. Louis Hills Neighborhood. Like their parents, my three children all graduated from St. Gabriel, and my daughter still lives in the home she was raised in with our family. Our area has a lot to offer for both residents and visitors whether it is, The Run for the Hills, Bike Races, Art in the Park, various businesses that attract people to our neighborhood, and the end of the year icon, Candy Cane Lane. I am hoping that the monies raised from this SBD initiative will be allocated so we can keep the jewels of our area, Francis and Willmore Parks as beautiful as they have been for the many years I have resided here in the Hills.

Message from nominated Board applicant Patrick Kutz:

Hi, my name is Patrick. My wife and I have lived in the south city for almost ten years and we have a kid at St. Gabriel. I've been involved in the neighborhood for years, including as a member of the Board of Friends of Francis Park and other organizations within St. Louis Hills. I want to hear from all different members of our community and I want to work with everyone to make the SBD a success.

I am a lawyer in St. Louis. While I currently practice federal class action litigation centered around the mismanagement of retirement plans, I formerly practiced criminal law for a number of years. I have experience both as a public defender as well as some time I spent at a prosecutor's office.

I hope to receive input from the community on ideas they think might work. Not just on public safety/crime reduction issues, but other areas such as infrastructure and park improvements, or any other ideas you might have to improve St. Louis Hills. I believe strongly that we need to work with and also push the city to provide their full share of services to our neighborhood. I don't see the SBD as a replacement of city services, rather an enhancement.

I also want to emphasize that all of the planned or current initiatives of the SBD are truly a work in progress. I want us as a Board and as a community to study what is working, try to determine what might work better, and collaboratively shape how SBD funding will be best utilized to improve our neighborhood for years to come. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me about anything at all.

Message from nominated Board applicant Tiffany Harmon:

Keeping St. Louis Hills thriving is a priority for me as a business owner and St. Louis Hills resident. That's why I knew I wanted to serve on the board of the St. Louis Hills Special Business District.

My name is Tiffany Harmon and I am the owner of Southside Wine + Spirits. I have been involved in many of the projects that make St. Louis Hills great, including chairing the South Hampton Business District along with other great small business owners. I am determined to give this community a safe and vibrant neighborhood where they can explore and engage. I am confident that the people serving on this committee will bring the resources to our community to ensure its vitality for years to come.