

District 1 Candidates Review

The upcoming Nov. 6th election will include Hollywood districts 1, 3 and 5. The other districts and the Mayor's seat are now staggered so that there will always be a Commissioner(s) with experience or "tribal knowledge" on the dais. There are a number of candidate forums scheduled this fall so we thought it would be good to allow the four District 1 candidates the opportunity to vet themselves to our readers:

- Itzhack Feldman: You might have seen me giving free rides on the Boardwalk — and wouldn't expect a rickshaw driver to run for commissioner — but I have spoken with all kinds of residents along the way who have expressed their concerns and suggestions on many issues. I am prepared to TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE! Some of the biggest problems for residents include vacationing homes, the growing homeless situation, and other housing-related dilemmas; fixing these issues will be my top priority should I win the election. I do not have a business to benefit or distract me from advocating directly to the people's needs, so there will be no conflicting interests to get in the way of my decisions. The Sun Sentinel even labeled me as a "city agitator" because of my past experiences challenging City Hall, but I will take that as a compliment — it shows that I do not hesitate to fight for what is right! I am prepared to dedicate myself to improving Hollywood while being mindful of the feelings of homeowners, local business owners, seniors, and other groups who feel excluded from the political conversation. On November 6 you can vote for a lawyer, a condo president, Mickey Mouse (write-in) and remember they all live on our famous Ocean Drive, including our current commissioner or you can vote bold and different... FELDMAN! The only candidate that actually lives in your neighborhood for over 20 years. This is your town, not the town of self-interested developers, realtors or corporations lawyers. Let's have our local politics — and Hollywood's future — reflect that! Thank you for your vote.

Joseph Kaplan: (Ed: Mr Kaplan is a write-in candidate) I am a transit advocate that has lived in District 1 for the last 18 years. On June 26, 2001, I was appointed by the Hollywood City Commission to serve on its Citizen's Transportation Committee for a one-year term. In February of 1990, I graduated Brooklyn College, of the City University of New York, with a Bachelor of Arts in History. I have six graduate credits from Brooklyn College (non-matriculated) in the field of Public Policy and Administration.

I have previously worked in the field of Housing Management and Administration for New York City, and New York State Government agencies. My Priorities - To put the needs of the voters and residents of District 1 first.

Luis Prada: I'm a retired Pilot after 40 years of working for the Airlines, I'm married to Kathleen and live in Hollywood for over 25 years at Trafalgar Towers II. For the last 20 year I have been the President of the Board. I am a flight instructor, FAA IA and have a CAM license for over 15 years

My priorities: Increase police force at night time in the Lakes Area, I would work hard to increase the police force from 2 officers at night to 4 and increase the force on daytime as well, improve services for all of District 1.

There are ways that we can improve the traffic and parking on Ocean Dr. We must fix the traffic problems that we have on 13th Ave and Hollywood Blvd. Adding stop signs will avoid many accidents. Increase Police presence on the Broad walk. We need to eliminate the gangs with bikes threatening our residents and tourists and increase police force on weekends.

We need to stop giving money away like we did to the tune of \$28,000,000.00 to Margaritaville. These millions could have cut the taxes for our residents.

Our Commissioners need to be leaders not followers. I will never be influenced to make decisions other than what's right for Hollywood.

I would like to work with Broward County School Board to improve our schools and attract more families to Hollywood

Caryl Shuham: Since embarking on this campaign, I have met so many terrific neighbors who, like me, love living in District 1. But, like me they too see countless opportunities for improvements in our neighborhoods and our City. I am running for Hollywood City Commissioner, District 1, to use my leadership skills, civil engineering education and professional experience as an attorney to help protect and enhance our quality of life, ensuring that we keep the best of Hollywood while working together to find needed solutions.

I believe the role of City Commissioner is to be a wise steward of our residents' tax dollars. Spend efficiently, ethically and with transparent accountability for the common good of Hollywood residents. My specific priorities for Hollywood Lakes are: (1) making our streets safer from

speeding cars and increasing police presence to help reduce crime in our neighborhoods, (2) finding efficient solutions to reduce flooding in our streets, and (3) establishing proactive, fair code enforcement for all residents.

I have volunteered in our community for many years. I was honored to be appointed by the Mayor and City Commission to the City's Dune Master Plan Task Force, which is studying and making recommendations to the City for the feasibility of dunes on Hollywood Beach. I am a mentor to young women students at Hollywood Hills High School through the Women of Tomorrow program. I also serve as an officer of North Beach Condominium Association. I have held many volunteer leadership positions in the past with Broward Public Schools Partners In Education, the David Posnack JCC Book Festival and the local chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. Professionally, I have a degree in civil engineering from the John Hopkins University and a law degree from the University of Maryland. I have been in private practice as a lawyer specializing in construction law. I currently work as corporate counsel to Moss & Associates, LLC. I have extensive experience in preparing and negotiating construction contracts, as well as risk allocation, insurance and bonding. I am Board Certified by the Florida Bar in Construction Law. Personally, my husband and I are the proud parents of three incredible young men: Simon, an engineer; Matt, a journalist; and Ben a medical school student. Through my education as an engineer and career as an attorney, I have gained the professional experience, and the desire to make a positive impact on our City. My intent is to use my experience to contribute to the betterment of the City of Hollywood, keeping it fun, unique and a model of sustainability.