



***East Lake View Neighbors is pleased to announce its 2023 slate of candidates for Board of Directors. Voting will occur in person at our Annual Meeting on March 28, 2023 at the Town Hall 19<sup>th</sup> District Police Station located at 850 Addison in Lakeview. You must be in person to vote and have paid the 2023 dues for membership. Please see our website at [eastlakeview.org](http://eastlakeview.org) for additional information on our organization.***

***Election Ballot for Two-Year Terms***

ELVN is pleased to have interested and qualified candidates for the nine (9) open seats on the Board of Directors for a term of two (2) years. Please take a moment to review the information provided by each candidate.

**Election Ballot for Remainder of Term of former Director Mark Usiak – March 28, 2023.**

Term ends through the date of the 2024 Annual Meeting. *One one-year term is available.* Those candidates not placed in two-year terms *may* be offered this one-year term spot.

**\*Please note, incumbents up for reelection are indicated by (I) after their names.**

**Wayne Foraker** is Vice President for Global Process Optimization for our growing global workforce for Northern Trust in Chicago. He holds an MBA from Florida Atlantic University, and a certification in HR Management from Northwestern. Wayne did his post graduate degree certification in nonprofit Executive Management at Georgetown University. He also did a postgraduate certificate with the US Dept. of Commerce focusing on organizational excellence. For three years, he served as Family Liaison volunteer at Lurie Children’s Hospital serving family members that have very sick children in the hospital. The pandemic [sadly] ended his program involvement. Wayne served for two years up to 2022 as a Board Member of the Giving Heart Foundation and served for many years on the following nonprofit foundations, Arizona Quality Alliance and The California Council for Excellence. Wayne is a firm believer that being involved in one’s community is essential as local and state governments do not have the capacity to do it all. If elected, ELVN can expect the same level of volunteerism and dedication that he has done throughout his career and personal life. Using the saying at The Giving Heart Foundation, from his heart to yours.

**Michael Zink (I)** is an attorney at the Law Offices of Starr, Bejgiert, Zink & Rowells, a general practice civil litigation firm in Chicago. He has held a variety of leadership roles in the Illinois State Bar Association and in the Chicago Bar Association. Michael has also served in various advisory roles in legal and community organizations throughout Chicago. Michael has served as ELVN President since 2018 and previously served as Secretary of ELVN.

**Drew Moran** is a dedicated leader with a passion for supporting community initiatives. As the Director of Institutional Partnerships at Nourishing Hope, he has built transformational relationships with philanthropic and corporate organizations, enabling the organization to achieve its mission and events. Prior to his current role, Drew served as the Director of Innovation and Strategic Initiatives during the Covid-19 pandemic, leading Nourishing Hope's efforts in providing essential services to those affected. With a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Roosevelt University and a license as a Professional Counselor, Drew also shares Nourishing Hope's dedication to mental wellness. He has provided individual, couples, and group counseling for Nourishing Hope's clients, with a focus on LGBTQ issues. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Eastern Illinois University. Drew is a proud resident of Lakeview East and is deeply committed to the local community. He is passionate about LGBTQ rights, promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, and in his free time. He enjoys hosting dinner parties for his friends and loved ones.

**Jeff Goumas** has lived in the Lakeview neighborhood for the entirety of his 20 years in Chicago. A lifelong educator, he has worked as a classroom teacher, a product developer within the educational publishing field, and for the last six years in nonprofit education, focused specifically on supporting organizations who work with adults with barriers to family-sustaining education and employment. He has been a member of his Grace Street condominium's board for over eight years and has volunteered for Inspiration Corporation, serving on their event fundraising committee for multiple years.

**Patrick Carlson (I)** is a 20-year resident of East Lake View, a 12-year homeowner, and a 2-year member of ELVN. He is an attorney, and very interested in issues relating to development and crime in the neighborhood. He notices how the neighborhood has improved since first moving here, but believes it is very important that members of the community have input in all changes and developments occurring here. He believes ELVN is a very important forum to gather and communicate with the many voices of our community.

**Brandon Cunningham (I)** has lived on in East Lake View on Dakin for the last 3 years. He is an active member of his community, a registered CPS substitute teacher and volunteer at his 4 and 6-year-old daughters' schools. He supports the conservancy site in Montrose Harbor documenting Purple Martins populations during the summer. He is the president of the Kelly Park Advisory Council. In his spare time, he goes to work as an airline captain.

**Scott Baskin** is a 40-year resident of Chicago's north side, including the past six years on Melrose Street in East Lakeview and 30 years in Buena Park just north of Irving Park. His professional career includes serving as CEO and co-owner of Mark Shale, a men's and women's retail business based in Chicago, from which he retired eleven years ago. Scott currently serves as CEO of the Small Business Advocacy Council, a not for profit, that advocates for small businesses. They work with the city's local business chambers and City Council and General Assembly members to lobby for laws to make Chicago and Illinois the best place to start and grow a small business. Prior to his businesses career, Scott worked in Washington DC, serving as Congressman Abner Mikva's chief legislative assistant and counsel on the House Ways and Means Committee. His wife and he have two adult children who attended Chicago schools. During their high school years, he served on the Northside College Prep local school council. Other past volunteer activities include 15 years as a member of WBEZ's Board of Directors where he chaired the programming and marketing committees, board member for the Center for Law & Social Work and the Chicago Maternity Center. Currently, Scott serves on the Uptown United board. Uptown United is the not-for-profit economic development organization in Uptown. He also serves on the boards of several privately held businesses in the Chicago area. He loves our East Lakeview

neighborhood, am passionate about small businesses and would love to help our neighborhood fill-in some of the empty storefronts and see East Lakeview grow and thrive.

**Terie Kata (I)** has been active as a board member of ELVN since 1991, serving as Chair for five years, Treasurer for fifteen years and past chair of ELVN's annual Oktoberfest fundraiser for 12 years. She has actively chaired and been involved in numerous ELVN projects and committees over the years. She has been a property owner and businesswoman in East Lake View community for over 30 years. Other community involvement has included working with several Chambers of Commerce, being an active participating member of Lake View Citizens Council for the past 25 years, serving on many committees, as well as planning and coordinating numerous LVCC fundraising events. Terie enjoys traveling the globe.

**Priya Garg** moved to the East Lakeview neighborhood in August 2022 and has been a Chicago resident for over 13 years. She currently leads the diversity, equity and inclusion efforts at the American Osteopathic Association where she has worked for 11 years. Priya recently graduated from Loyola University Chicago in 2020 with an MBA in Healthcare Management. She enjoys reading, mentoring, and spending time with family and friends. She is excited to do more for her community and neighborhood!

**Brian Murphy (I)** has lived, worked, and owned property in East Lakeview for most of his life. Upon marrying wife Jaime, they moved back into the same apartment that he grew up on Sheffield Avenue. In the following years, his 2 sons were born in the same home. He's worked in his family's business at Murphy's Bleachers & also has managed Mrs. Murphy & Sons restaurant as well as worked in property management. For several years, Brian has served as the principal organizer for ELVN's Oktoberfest. During that time, Oktoberfest raised well over \$100,000 for local area charities & schools. Throughout his life, he has watched East Lakeview evolve into the thriving community that it is today. Brian looks forward to continuing to take an active role in helping this neighborhood reach its full potential.

**Marty Wallace (I)** has lived in East Lake View since 1976, where he has successfully worked as a broker with Koenig & Strey Realtors. Marty works hard securing donations and selling tickets for ELVN's annual Oktoberfest. Born and raised in Chicago, Marty also enjoys attending Cub games and walking our beautiful lakefront with his wife, Diane.

**John McCarthy** became the beat facilitator for the Chicago Police Department's Beat 1925 in March of 2021, the largest beat within the East Lake View Neighbor's boundaries. In that position John works closely with the CAPS officers at District 19 to organize and co-chair meetings every other month with residents of Beat 1925. Since the "COVID crime surge," those well-attended Zoom meetings have addressed where and when violent crimes in the area are happening, what the 19th District is doing about them, and how individuals can stay safe. As a beat facilitator, John also sits on the District 19 Advisory Council. Just last month John organized ELVN's forum for 19th District police representative candidates. It was the first time all six candidates appeared together. John co-moderated the forum with ELVN president Michael Zink. John and his wife returned to East Lakeview a decade ago after 27 years in Evanston. They moved into the 124-unit co-op apartment building at 3750 N. DuSable Lake Shore Drive. As a former condo board president at 3807 N. Fremont, John was soon asked to act as 3750's ombudsman and then was appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy. He subsequently was elected and re-elected, holding a Board seat at 3750 for eight years. In that role he chaired the House Committee and created and chaired the Community and Social Affairs Committee, through which 3750 took unprecedented steps toward involvement with its East Lakeview neighborhood and the 46 th Ward. Under John's leadership, the 3750 Board sponsored meetings with residents and area developers on proposed zoning changes, discussed local ramifications of state legislation with then-Illinois Senate President John Cullerton, and arranged a forum for aldermanic

candidates running in the 2019 aldermanic election. John currently is organizing a second aldermanic candidates' forum at 3750 just days before this year's February 28<sup>th</sup> election. John also represents the 3750 Board on the 46<sup>th</sup> Ward's Zoning and Development Committee. John's professional career includes a decade as an Emmy Award-winning news producer and writer for CBS2 Chicago/WBBM-TV, producing or writing nearly a dozen national documentaries for A&E, The History Channel, and the National Geographic Channel, and founding his own video production company 25 years ago.

**Names of any write-in candidates:**

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