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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **SCARSDALE ELECTS NEW CNC MEMBERS AND AMENDMENT PASSED ALLOWING NON-CITIZEN RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE ON THE CNC**

Yesterday twelve new members were elected to serve on the Scarsdale Citizen’s Nomination Committee (CNC). These new members will join current CNC members for a total of 30 Scarsdale residents serving on the CNC. Together the CNC will vet and nominate a slate of non-partisan candidates to run in Scarsdale’s March election for Mayor and the open Village Trustee positions.

The current and newly elected CNC members are:

VOTING DISTRICT	EDGEWOOD	FOXMEADOW	GREENACRES	HEATHCOTE	QUAKERRIDGE
<b>New CNC Members:</b>  <b>Class of 2025*</b>	•Daniel Besikof •Liang (Leon) Xin	•Jill Spielberg •Laura Thierer	•Emily Finn •Zhendi Shi	•Thomas Dundon •Amy Frank •Rachel Zolot Schwartz*	•Alex Forscherner* •Aubrey Claude Phillibert II •Jessica Weintrob
<b>Current CNC Members</b>	2023 Laurie Medvinsky 2023 Richard Wingate 2024 William McInerney 2024 Raju Sitaula	2023 Kay Eisenman 2023 Heath Sroka 2024 Lynne Clarke 2024 Scott Harris	2023 Mary Pat Jones 2023 Jared Stern 2024 Ralph Geer 2024 Elaine Weir	2023 Lynn Badain 2023 Vacancy 2024 Manisha Marria 2024 Marjorie Meiman	2023 Vacancy 2023 Matthew Zik 2024 David Glattstein 2024 Rohini Sahni

\*Asterisked candidates are part of the Class of 2023 as they are filling one-year vacancies.

Amendments made to the Non-Partisan Resolution (NPR), which is the document that governs the CNC process, were part of the CNC election ballot.

A total of 170 residents voted for CNC candidates. The total of candidate votes cast by area is as follows: Edgewood 41, Fox Meadow 32, Greenacres 27, Heathcote 40, Quaker Ridge 30.

A total of 158 residents cast an amendment ballot, and the amendment passed by majority vote.

There were 7 substantive proposed amendments to the NPR, and 8 non-substantive ones.

One of the substantive proposed amendments would allow Scarsdale residents who are not U.S. citizens to fully participate in the CNC process by serving on the CNC, signing CNC petitions, voting in CNC elections, and participating on the Procedure Committee.

“I’m extremely proud that our community has passed the amendment allowing non-citizen residents to vote in CNC elections and serve on the CNC,” said Michelle Sterling, Chair, Scarsdale Procedure Committee. “With the passage of this amendment we are not just talking about equity and inclusion but are walking the walk and bringing all residents into the fold. It makes sense to me that non-citizen residents who live, own homes, pay taxes, and send their kids to school here, should be able to participate in their governance. The SBNC passed the same amendment the year before last, and I’m so pleased that the CNC is now doing the same. Going forward, with this roadblock out of the way, my hope is that we see more participation and volunteerism from our residents on the municipal level, which will make our community better represented and stronger.”

“I’m a steadfast supporter of Scarsdale’s non-partisan system and believe it is part of what makes our community so amazing,” continued Sterling. “I greatly appreciate and congratulate the new CNC members who stepped up to serve on the CNC. I also thank Procedure Committee Vice Chair Peri Zelig for her partnership, hard work and steady leadership, and I thank the entire Procedure Committee for their commitment and diligence in getting us to this great day for Scarsdale.”