

## **Vote to Make a Difference**

The annual elections for the Board of Directors and Neighborhood Representatives begin in November when ballots are mailed to commercial and residential property owners in First Colony Community Association (FCCA) and continue through the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. There are two (2) Board of Director's positions up for election for terms beginning in January 2010. Director's serve a three year term and are limited to a maximum of two terms.

As a member you will have the opportunity to vote for two (2) of the three (3) candidates or assign a proxy to vote on your behalf. Ballots may officially be cast until the commencement of the Annual Meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>; however we encourage members to return their ballots by December 4<sup>th</sup> to assist with early tabulation. Ballots may be mailed, faxed or dropped off to the FCCA office. Ballots received are tabulated by the FCCA Elections Committee comprised of volunteer members of the Association.

So please take a moment to participate in electing your volunteer Board of Directors for FCCA by casting your VOTE! Your vote can make a difference.

See below for Board Candidate bios:

### **Board Candidate: Farha Ahmed**

Neighborhood: Sweetwater Section 8



#### Previous volunteer experience with FCCA or other area volunteer organizations:

I have been a neighborhood representative for a number of years and have enjoyed volunteering for events in my area. Our most successful events always include our police officers and constables, where safety and security was of deep concern. I have served as a volunteer board member for a number of nonprofits including Fort Bend Child Advocates Advisory Council and Asians Against Domestic Abuse. I am also a volunteer attorney with Fort Bend Lawyers Care and have served on Sugar Land's Multicultural Committee. I am now currently serving my fourth year as a Sugar Land Planning and Zoning Commissioner which deals with development issues for the city.

#### The reason I would like to serve the FCCA community as a Board member is:

Serving as a FCCA Board member is a natural progression and continuation of my service as a neighborhood representative. I want to be involved in addressing the new challenges FCCA will be facing in terms of costs and quality of services and amenities FCCA provide to its members.

#### Skills/Strengths I have to offer the Association as a Board Member:

As an attorney, I bring my legal acumen to the FCCA board when dealing with bylaws, covenants, and compliance issues. My strengths have always focused on resolutions and policies that are effective, consistent, and fair. I feel that my experience as an attorney and a volunteer board member in other nonprofits has contributed to my appreciation and importance of a cohesive board, specifically a board where the betterment of the association and its members is paramount.

As a Board member I would maintain linkage with the residents by:

I would do this by email and the FCCA website. Issues that are of high interest to residents should be highlighted in the board agenda and the website. Just as important, board members should meet with residents at various neighborhood meetings whether initiated by FCCA or the neighborhood representatives.

I believe the five most challenging issues for the Association in the future are:

- The affect upon our Association by the development residential and commercial bordering our area
- The challenges facing the rising costs of maintenance along with quality of services
- The possibility of increasing Association's participation in water and energy conservation, including the affect of chemical products on our water supply, taking advantage of new technologies that assist in conservation efforts
- The continuation of making FCCA more accessible and walkable for pedestrians
- Address covenant issues that affect businesses and residences including the necessity of relevant restrictions and their enforcement

My vision of the Association's future:

Is to continue to maintain and improve the common areas with beautiful and innovative landscape and parks amenities that allow families and individuals of all age groups to enjoy our facilities along with being vigilant and prepared for the growing development in the surrounding areas.

I would like the membership to know this about me:

I would bring all my diverse experience as a business person and a resident to the board. I see my position as a board member as being someone who has the highest obligation to be a steward of the association funds and that I should ensure that such funds would be used in the most effective and efficient way possible for the benefit of the Association and its members. As a resident of FCCA since 1990, raising my two children and having them learn to swim and play tennis in FCCA facilities, I can say that the quality of our family's experience in our FCCA neighborhoods has set the standard for associations to follow.

**Board Candidate: Hillary Goldstein**

Neighborhood: Woodstream



Previous volunteer experience with FCCA or other area volunteer organizations:

I have been a volunteer in FCCA, FBISD and my community for 10 years. I was a Neighborhood Rep for 3 years. I was on several FCCA Task and nominating committees. I have volunteered for the 5K. I have been on City of Sugar Land Parks Policy and Advisory Board for 6 years. I have been on numerous Mayoral Task Forces for The City of Sugar Land over the past 8 years. I was the Volunteer Coordinator for the Ft. Bend Hurricane Resources Center for Hurricane Katrina. I am a graduate of Sugar Land 101, Citizens Police Academy, and Citizens Fire Academy. I am also a graduate of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). I have been a past Board member of Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, an Angel for the Ft. Bend Education Foundation, a founding member of USA Swimming Team and a certified Meet Director. I am also an active volunteer with Clements HS, and Clements Swim and Dive Team, and the Clements Stars Dance Team. I am also a member of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Beth El.

The reason I would like to serve the FCCA community as a Board member is:

I have volunteered for many years and enjoyed being a part of helping FCCA. I feel it is time to become a Board member so I can better serve my community and help make a positive impact.

Skills/Strengths I have to offer the Association as a Board member:

I believe I have the necessary leadership skills and experience and vision to help FCCA develop and implement our future plans for the course of the next several years.

As a Board member I would maintain linkage with the residents by:

In order to forge a better relationship with residents and businesses in our community you must make yourself visible, be approachable, and make personal contacts and attend neighborhood events.

I believe the five most challenging issues for the Association in the future are:

- First and foremost we must maintain our status of a superb Master Planned community
- We must protect our home values, with productive follow through of compliance and deed restrictions. We need to be more proactive than reactive
- We need to upgrade and maintain our infrastructure
- Set higher standards for our esthetics and amenities for our community to compete with other communities and make proper choices for enhancement

- Improve communication between Board members to our residents and our commercial members. We need their input and ideas in order to make proper planning choices for our future

My vision of the Association's future:

My vision for our future is for FCCA to be the best Master Planned Community in this area. We can accomplish this with higher standards and by being proactive and not reactive to ensure our property values are at the highest level.

I would like the membership to know this about me:

I would like the membership to know that I am a caring, dedicated worker for our community. I love my community and I will work hard to make sure that we are the best that we can be. I know that I have the skills requires to help FCCA make the correct decisions for our future. I look forward to becoming a Board member and being a voice for all members. I have lived in Sugar Land for the last 10 years and my husband Ira and I have two daughters.

**Board Candidate: Peter Jacob**



Commercial Member

Previous volunteer experience with FCCA or other area volunteer organizations:

FCCA nominating committee in 2008  
Fort Bend Society of Commercial Realtors past president  
Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce  
Fort Bend EDC membership committee  
Mediterranean Festival Volunteer

The reason I would like to serve the FCCA community as a Board member is:

Having conducted business in First Colony as a developer, I want to be sure the high standards established by the master developer Sugar Land Properties are maintained for residents and commercial property owners alike.

Skills/Strengths I have to offer the Association as a Board member:

Having developed several retail and medical office projects in First Colony I understand what the communities expectations are as it relates first and foremost to the commercial sector as well as to the residents.

As a Board member I would maintain linkage with the residents by:

Proactively listening to residents' ideas and also their concerns as they relate to the commercial properties in First Colony and sharing this information with the respective commercial property owners.

I believe the five most challenging issues for the Association in the future are:

- Create a balanced fiscal operating budget
- High level of services provided by the Association to residents and commercial owners while keeping annual assessments reasonable
- Maintaining a strong marketing program which promotes First Colony as a great place to live, work, and shop
- Work closely with the City of Sugar Land and Missouri City to maintain the existing public infrastructure
- To keep FCCA a results oriented organization and implement the programs that FCCA has been created to oversee.

My vision of the Association's future:

To provide services for all residents regardless of age which creates active and healthy participants while maintaining the high standards people have come to expect by living in First Colony.

I would like the membership to know this about me:

I relish challenges and will work hard to obtain results. In other words, I am a Type A personality.