

As a longtime resident and business owner, I feel that I am a strong asset to the community and its residents and business owners. I've seen first-hand how Silver Lake has grown, and though it is something that is inevitable, I do not want it to happen at the cost of the small-community feel we've grown to love.

I truly believe I can speak on behalf of other small-business owners in the Silver Lake District, having run my small-business, Say Cheese, for over 16 years in this neighborhood. I understand the trials and tribulations that small-business owners encounter with growth and with larger outsider-led businesses coming into the community and attempting to overpower them, and I would love to help them negotiate these obstacles.

Community-wise, as someone who loves the small town feel of Silver Lake, I am a forward-thinker and am also very neighborhood safety-conscious, always looking out for the community residents. I care about the safety of our pedestrians and the neighborhood families, and strongly believe they are what makes Silver Lake so great. It is imperative that we listen to our residents, pay attention to their needs, and fight for their interests.

Finally, I am a fair and balanced individual, open to new ideas and feedback, and believe that open, two-way communication, is the best way to deal with issues. Not only should one attempt to be heard, but one should be willing to hear others.

