The candidate bios below are intended to introduce Preservation Sacramento members to the individuals listed on the 2022 Board ballot. No new candidates volunteered or were nominated for the board election. PS will conduct the vote by email and the emailed ballot must be cast for as many candidates you wish to vote for and submitted using the Preservation Sacramento Voting Link provided in your email no later than January 31, 2022.

Board Members Running for Reelection

**Matt Walker:** As an architectural historian, I have enjoyed serving as a member of the Preservation Sacramento Board of Directors for the past six years. Born and raised in Richmond, I earned my BA in History from University of California, Santa Cruz and MA in Public History from California State University, Sacramento. While completing the Capital Campus Public History Program at CSUS, I focused my efforts largely on historic preservation, interning at the Office of Historic Preservation. After spending several years working in the private sector, I now serve as the historian for the Gold Fields District of California State Parks where I help to manage and maintain the built environment resources in several parks including Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park and Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park. I am the current Secretary for Preservation Sacramento and hope to continue to further the public outreach and visibility of the organization and to advocate for the preservation of our city's historic properties.

**Greg VanAcker:** Worked in broadcasting for 25 years for stations in New York, Illinois, and California, ending up at KOVR-TV in Sacramento in engineering. Following that, I was an educator for the Elk Grove Unified School District for 19 years, finishing as the Business Technology Department Chair at Valley High School. I joined SOCA in the early 80's after reading the Suttertown News, and have a lifelong interest in community health and designs, especially after reading "A Pattern Language" by Christopher Alexander. I have been married for 35 years and have two grown sons. We have owned two older homes. The first was in old Elk Grove; the second in old Land Park. My interest in SOCA started when I wanted to learn more about home maintenance and resources for our first house in Elk Grove which was built in the 1920's. I am interested in preserving older buildings, as well as working to improve our urban fabric. I am Past President of the Rotary Club of Midtown-Sacramento, and have served on several boards of directors previously. I am the current treasurer for Preservation Sacramento.

**Don Cox:** Is a writer and photographer, has worked in architectural history with Paula Boghosian for the past 26 years. He has prepared National Register Nominations, Historic Resources Reports, reports for EIRs, HABS reports, Federal Tax Act Applications, District and Landmark nominations. He has co-authored the books Sacramento’s Memorial Auditorium: Seven Decades of Memories, and Sacramento’s Boulevard Park. He also had a 20-year career in Marketing & Advertising. Don owned an advertising agency for ten years specializing in computers, software and technology products. He spent five years as VP of Sales & Marketing with a software firm.
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Evan Tudor Elliott: I am professional archaeologist who has focused on the prehistoric and historic periods of Northern California. I grew up in the East Bay, in a neighborhood filled with 1920's eclectic homes. My love of architecture began between there and trips to my grandmother's Victorian in San Francisco. Since then it has grown and one of my favorite things is exploring the architecture of neighborhoods I don't know, on foot and on my bicycle. I feel that the feeling of a neighborhood rests in its history and that this is often threatened by thoughtless development. While new construction has its place, creative use of the places we have help preserve neighborhoods. Additionally, new development must be considerate of the area that is located in, rather than disrupting it. As Sacramento enters a new era, with redevelopment of the Downtown and the Railyards, an organization such as Preservation Sacramento becomes all the more important. I hope to continue making a difference in this community through this organization.

Vickie Valine: Born, raised, and educated in Sacramento, I earned my B.A. degree in Environmental Studies from Sac State in 1983. My first introduction to historic homes was during the 1960s, when my grandparents owned 2201 H Street (built 1904) and ran a boarding house there. Since then, I have been fascinated by historic buildings and their history. Over the years, I rented an apartment in the historic Hale Mansion (1300 H Street, built 1894) (now The Sterling Hotel), and I have worked in both the historic Sun building (717 K Street, built 1904) and the historic Cal-Western Life building (926 J Street, built 1923) (now The Citizen Hotel). I have lived in Midtown and Downtown Sacramento for over 35 years and currently own a 1911 bungalow in Midtown with my husband Matt. I became a member of SOCA in the late 1990s and have been the House Captain and Volunteer Coordinator for SOCA/PS’s Historic Home Tours for the past 11 years and a Board member of SOCA/Preservation Sacramento for the past 10 years. If you have not already filled out a Volunteer Submission Form on our PS website, please do so and join us. We look forward to working with you!

Luis Sumpter: Has been a Sacramento resident for 24 years and is a Realtor with Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Reliance Partners working in the Midtown office. Luis has represented Buyers and Sellers for over 20 years focusing on historic and infill properties in the City’s older neighborhoods. His love for historic architecture has made him a go-to expert about historic property details. He’s been a Preservation Sacramento (PS) (formerly SOCA) Board member since 2008 and has served as PS’s Annual Historic Home Tour Chair since 2011. His community involvement include: Alkali Mansion Flats Historic Neighborhood Association (AMFHNA) Board of Directors; Sacramento City Management Academy, Alumni; Sacramento City Planning Academy, Alumni. His professional involvement include: Sacramento Association of Realtors (SAR) Board of Directors; and California Association of Realtors Board of Directors. Luis lives in a 1910 Colonial Revival style 4-plex in Alkali Flat, Sacramento’s oldest residential neighborhood.

Guy Guarige: Has been a SOCA member since the mid-1990s and joined the Board in 2009 as chair for membership events and now serves as Vice President for Preservation Sacramento. Some of the more notable tours have been the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building, The Elks Building, the Citizen Hotel, 16 Powerhouse and the Maydestone Apartments. Guy came to Sacramento to attend UC Davis from Santa Cruz County and remained after earning a degree in history. Guy’s career took him away from his interest in history but lucky for him the Sacramento region is so steeped in history that he was able to parlay his interest in other ways, most notably buying mid-town Victorians when few people were interested in these properties. In addition to helping to restore and sustain Sacramento’s Victorian heritage, in his past role as events chair, Guy arranged member tours of historic, repurposed commercial/residential buildings, as well as newly constructed projects. Guy lives in Midtown with his partner Clark of 30 years, also an active member of Preservation Sacramento who produces the annual Preservation Sacramento home tour program. They are custodians of an 1889 Queen Anne highwater Victorian purchased in 1989. The home has been on the home tour three times and serves as a nice reminder of Sacramento’s past.
Karen Jacques: I have lived in the Central City for over thirty years and am a long time preservation/neighborhood activist. I love Sacramento’s old neighborhoods and historic buildings. My husband and I have rehabbed ten historic buildings in the Central City, doing most of the work ourselves. I founded the Midtown Neighborhood Association (formerly Winn Park Capitol Avenue) in 1991 and served on its board until my husband and I moved to the Richmond Grove neighborhood in 2015. I began serving on the Preservation Sacramento board in 1991 and have served on and off ever since. I coordinated the Fainted Ladies Tour, a bus tour designed to call attention to old buildings in danger of demolition due to neglect (1994 to 2003). I have served on both the Preservation Commission, including two years as chair and on the Sacramento Heritage Board. In recent years I have become involved in issues having to do with the climate crisis, including how historic buildings can be retrofitted to be highly energy efficient. One of our most recent rehabs was featured on an energy efficiency tour arranged by 350 Sacramento.

William Burg: I joined the Board in 2007 and have served as Vice-President, 2nd Secretary, and President of the Board, and became Board President most recently in 2016. I received my MA in Public History from Sacramento State in 2010, and wrote seven books about Sacramento history. I am a historian for the California Office of Historic Preservation, and also serve as President of Sacramento Heritage Inc.

Gretchen Steinberg: has lived in Sacramento since 1989 and has restored several homes — ranging from a 1920 Dean & Dean cottage in Curtis Park to a 1961 Rickey & Brooks modern/ranch home in South Land Park. She has been a member of Preservation Sacramento for ten years, during which she has also been co-founder and President of Sacramento Modern (SacMod.org), a non-profit dedicated to promoting, preserving, and protecting modern art, architecture and design. She has coordinated all of SacMod’s tours (featuring mid-century modern homes and commercial buildings) and has organized/assisted with other events such as film screenings, exhibits, and lectures. Her research-based approach has led SacMod through preservation campaigns, successful landmark nominations, and collaborative projects, such as the 2017 Sacramento Mid-Century Modern Survey and Context Statement. She has two degrees: a BA in Psychology from UC Santa Barbara, and a BS in Design from UC Davis. She is especially fond of Moderne and Modern architecture — and also works to preserve Sacramento’s legacy neon signs, trees, and greenspaces.

Rick Castro: As a long-term MidTown resident, I have been concerned and involved with a variety of issues facing Sacramento both today and over the years, including: homelessness, excessive traffic speeding, bicycle safety, wonderful tree canopy, and housing preservation, diversity, affordability and development. My passion for Sacramento has always overlapped with Preservation Sacramento’s dedication to protect Sacramento’s historic places and encourage quality urban design through advocacy, outreach and activism. My interests are broad: transportation, the environment, and the homeless; But there is an interconnections to all these issues for problem solving in land-use planning, policy and decision making. We must protect and improve our neighborhoods. Over the years I have restored Victorians in Sacramento, hosted several SOCA home tours and received an award from the Sacramento City Council in recognition of this restoration and labor of love. I also have worked on housing and land-use planning issues with the Sacramento Regional Area Planning Commission; on health and environmental planning, audits and enforcement with the State of California; on public transportation with EOS; and renewable energy, including the elimination of nuclear power, improving energy efficiencies and implementing local solar and wind with SMUD. As a gardener and environmentalist, I also have worked to establish the first community gardens in Sacramento.