

# South Uptown Neighborhood Association

## 2022 Board of Director Candidate Profiles

All South Uptown residents (including renters), business owners, and property owners 18+ are eligible to run for a seat on the South Uptown Board. Responsibilities include:

- Fulfill oversight and fiduciary duties of the South Uptown Neighborhood Association
- Attend monthly SU Neighborhood Meetings on the third Tuesday of most months, 7 pm online or at Bryant Square Park
- Participate on at least one of the active SU committees
- Act as an ambassador for the organization

The South Uptown neighborhood is bounded by W. Lake Street to the north, W. 36th Street on the south, Hennepin Avenue to the west, and Lyndale Avenue on the east.

### **Name: Kristen Cadieux**

Address: 32xx Bryant Avenue South

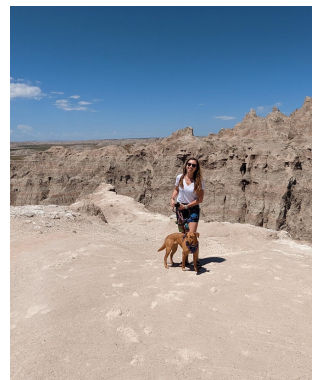
I am a: Homeowner

Describe your background, including any skills or experience that will benefit the organization.

I work in healthcare, but have a significant background in volunteer work. I also have strong communication and organizational skills.

Describe your interests and how they align with service on the South Uptown Neighborhood Association Board.

I'm new to the neighborhood and would love to be apart of the continued improvement and growing of South Uptown. I'm interested in many things, but would like to specifically increased community events, both social and volunteer/improvement in nature.



### **Name: Jerome Chateau**

Address: 33xx Dupont Avenue South

I am a: Homeowner

Describe your background, including any skills or experience that will benefit the organization.

I was born and raised in Paris and originally came to Minneapolis to study epidemiology at the University of Minnesota, where I earned a master's in public health. I liked this city so much that I decided to stay, and I have developed a deep appreciation for what Minneapolis has to offer.



It has been more than 30 years now and, after living in Whittier and Central, South Uptown has been my home since 2005. Having visited many cities across the United States and the world, I strongly believe that our city can support greater density.

I also own and manage a small, independent agribusiness and work with dairy farmers, mostly organic, in Outstate Minnesota and across the U.S. This perspective gives me insight into urban/rural relations and strengthens my sensitivity to environmental impact and the diversity of cultural backgrounds.

Finally, as an immigrant in this country and as Land Use Committee chair for the past two years, I place a high value on fostering our neighborhood's increasingly diverse community, supported by an emphasis on affordable, well-designed housing.

Describe your interests and how they align with service on the South Uptown Neighborhood Association Board.

I have always been extremely interested in how cities evolve and consider myself observant and informed about changes that perform well for people over time. I strongly believe that our city can support greater density and that the main areas for making planned improvements are the urban corridors such as Lake Street, Lyndale and Hennepin Avenues.

Simultaneously, it is crucial to conserve the balance between green space, urban development, public health, and aesthetics, and between generations, communities, renters, and homeowners, in order to maintain South Uptown as an exceptional neighborhood to live, work, play, and feel safe. All development must reflect the impact of climate change and increasing urban heat. It's by practicing good stewardship of our land, water, and air that we pass on a sustainable urban habitat.

**Name: Joel Chechik**

Address: 35xx Hennepin Avenue South

I am a: Homeowner

Describe your background, including any skills or experience that will benefit the organization.



I'm a long-time Mpls resident (34yrs?) living in Uptown/Linden Hills. I am a "daily" biker & have felt for all 34yrs that the city & its communities/culture/lakes/parks/etc are the true jewels of our town! I am a professional in the medical device development arena, so not a "politician" but certainly (team) business-oriented & able to help consider/pro-

mote new concepts. I was a member of the Lake Harriet CAC to originally designate Bread & Pickle, so I have a small degree of community project activity.

Describe your interests and how they align with service on the South Uptown Neighborhood Association Board.

I own a home in S. Uptown & live (& thrive) in the area on a constant basis. I realize the perils of overdevelopment is a fine balance w/ the demands of necessary growth & the simple factors of time (& population) expansion. I'm a huge believer in the power of community to overcome the recent concerns & degradation within our tight (local) society is tremendously important as we not only heal, but rejuvenate how Uptown truly can provide a facet of what Mpls' can offer. I simply want to help the community.

**Name: Jenna Egan**

Address: 35xx Dupont Avenue South

I am a: Renter



Describe your background, including any skills or experience that will benefit the organization.

I've lived in South Uptown for over 18 years. I'm an active committee member of the South Uptown's Livability and Engagement Committee. I'm the Director of Membership and Fund Development for the Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer Advancement (MAVA). I recruit, engage and retain volunteer engagement leaders that serve our nonprofits, government, faith-based organizations, school districts and more! At my organization, I'm responsible for all communications, social media, website, annual reports, newsletters, and e-blasts. I also fundraise from individuals to writing grants and creating corporate sponsorship opportunities. Until May 2022, I served as the East Isles Neighborhood Coordinator - engaging the board, community members, public officials, Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis. I wrote board meeting minutes and coordinated all committee meetings, and neighborhood events. In addition to my full-time position at (MAVA), I also serve as the Lakewood Cemetery Community Event Assistant - where I create and coordinate meaningful events and engage our community.

Describe your interests and how they align with service on the South Uptown Neighborhood Association Board.

I am interested in being a South Uptown board member to recruit, engage, and increase our underrepresented and BIPOC neighbors. I have experience in this work, both professionally and personally. This is something I am very passionate about and why I currently serve on the Livability and Engagement Committee. I believe as a neighborhood we can increase our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, by using my experience, skills, and passion for this work and our South Uptown Neighborhood.

**Name: Gretchen Sieger**

Address: 32xx Dupont Avenue South

I am a: Renter

Describe your background, including any skills or experience that will benefit the organization.

I am the Director of Operations for Clinical Informatics at the University of Minnesota, where I have been employed for more than 20 years. I am a Senator in both the University and Professional / Administrative Senates at UMN. My background is in research, data analysis, information technology, and strategic leadership.



Describe your interests and how they align with service on the South Uptown Neighborhood Association Board.

I believe in community and shared governance. Everyone deserves to live in a just, safe, and verdant neighborhood and I am looking for opportunities to be in service of that vision.

**Name: Phil Qualy**

Address: 30xx Emerson Avenue South

I am a: Homeowner

Describe your background, including any skills or experience that will benefit the organization.

I have lived in SE Uptown since 1982 and served on CARAG Board, (SUNA), 1985-90, Chairperson 1989. Craft worker, lobbyist, landscaper. I



raised my family in our SUNA neighborhood and participated in numerous outreaches including facilitation of Bryant Square skate library. We want to help build a better world .My family and I love Minneapolis.

Describe your interests and how they align with service on the South Uptown Neighborhood Association Board.

I want to contribute to building a better world. My family and I love Minneapolis.

**Name: Rachel Starcher**

Address: 34xx Aldrich Avenue South

I am a: Homeowner

Describe your background, including any skills or experience that will benefit the organization.

I am a physician by profession, so I practice responsible leadership skills every day at work. I have some experience writing grants for non-profits in the past and am currently in a grant-funded research position where I will get even more professional experience grant writing, which could be helpful should our organization identify grants we would like to pursue.



Describe your interests and how they align with service on the South Uptown Neighborhood Association Board.

I have a strong desire for community building and have loved the projects hosted by the South Uptown Neighborhood Association this past year of residence. I am fortunate to have less professional obligations now, so I am excited to be more directly involved moving forward. I would love to see even more activities to engage young people in their neighborhood community and would love to help coordinate these.