## ALMA DEL PUEBLO CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

**JOHN G BRUM** — Integrity, trustworthiness, fairness, an open communication are core values I uphold. I believe that while rules and regulations are essential, they should be enforced with fairness and reason, forcing constructive, non-confrontational, and non-litigious dialogue when issues arise.

If elected, I will collaborate with my fellow Board members to build stronger relationships within our community and with our vendors. I will ensure that ADP expense are aligned with both our immediate and long term needs and goals, and I will always respond promptly to the needs of our community, as I have done in the past.

Finally, I will ensure that ADP's aesthetic beauty remains uncompromised, its financial stability remains solid for all homeowners, and then our community continues to thrive in a safe, secure, and sustainable manner for all homeowners.

I would be honored to serve our community and appreciate your support. Sincerely, John G. Brum

**EMILY FALKE** — I am currently director of exhibits & collections/Curator at Santa Barbara Maritime Museum where I have been employed 15 1/2 years. I have served on Boards and understand the commitment. I have lived at ADP for 10 plus years, rarely am I not home, and I am highly aware of what is going on, and the need to improve the quality of community life, safety, and preservation and value of investment by owners.

**LARAME GREENE** — Incumbent Director

**OMAR MUELLER** - My wife and I have managed and renovated properties for the last 20 years. I owned and operated a retail business in Sonoma County that included a residential rental unit for 13 years. I have an MBA. My role on the board has been to work with the people who are directly responsible for the quality of our life here at ADP. They are Ross Morgan, our neighbors, and our vendors. In the two months I have been on the board I have seen a shift, and hope to continue in that collaborative vein.

**JOANN OLEJNIK** - Members of Alma del Pueblo Homeowners Association, I am submitting my nomination form for the upcoming election--though I believe the process is illegitimate, I feel it is necessary to protect our community's interests and ensure your voices are represented.

I remain a duly elected board member with a term through 2026. My appearance on this nomination form is not an endorsement of this flawed election but a result of the board's ongoing refusal to act transparently or correct the deficiencies I have raised.

The recall petition is a waste of the Association's time, money, and resources. It is riddled with defects and appears motivated not by genuine community concern, but by a few former board members trying to cling to influence. I will not be silenced by these tactics of intimidation. Moreover, any special assessment to fund the recall would be nothing more than a sham—forcing homeowners to pay for a defective and unnecessary process.

Voting "no" on the recall is not a vote for the status quo--it is a vote against waste, against conflicts that have held our community back, and for real accountability.

My commitment is to you, the members who elected me. I will continue to advocate for transparency, honesty, and ethical conduct within our Association. Any attempt to silence this message would be an abuse of power and a violation of my rights as both a board member and a homeowner.

I urge you to reject the recall effort by voting "no." Sincerely, Joann Olejnik

## **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS CONTINUE ON REVERSE**

## **MELVIN OLIVER -**

- \*\*OCCUPATION:\*\*
- Currently Retired
- President, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA (6 years)
- Dean, Division of Social Science, Executive Dean, College of Letters and Science, University of California, Santa Barbara (12 years)
- Vice President of Asset Building and Community Development, Ford Foundation, New York City (8 years)
- Professor, UCLA (18 years)

Dear Homeowners,

I retired in 2023 and with my wife, Suzanne, returned full time to our residence at Alma Del Pueblo. After a 45 year career in academia and philanthropy I looked forward to a peaceful and uneventful life in our beautiful Alma Del Pueblo. Unfortunately, the last year and a half has been anything but peaceful and uneventful. With the issues that we have had to face in mind, I have come to the conclusion that as a concerned homeowner, I have both a responsibility and duty to stand for a position on the Board. I hope you will support me.

My experiences as a member of several non-profit boards have provided me with a wealth of knowledge about the responsibilities and requirements of a board member. In these Boards I have served crucial positions which reflect the high esteem that I was held by my fellow board members. These include, for example, serving in positions of trust and confidence such as a member of the search committee for the leadership of the organization (President of the University of California <a href="https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/leadership">https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/leadership</a> and President of the William T. Grant Foundation <a href="https://wtgrantfoundation.org/about">https://wtgrantfoundation.org/about</a>). I take pride in maintaining a calm demeanor and my ability to help reach consensus on challenging and difficult decisions.

I have observed over the years that one of the keys to a functioning board is a consistent process and a strong commitment to Robert's Rules of Order in conducting business, whether that be in open or closed board meetings. One of my goals, if I were to be elected, would be to bring that order and consistency back to our Board meetings. In order to do that we need a parliamentarian, whether someone from the Board, or from our Property Management team to keep our meetings on track. We do not need nor deserve the chaos we have had in our recent open board meetings.

Finally, I have learned that in order for a Board to be successful, we need to always be aware of the obligations that we have, whether that revolves around routine maintenance, financial sustainability, or ongoing challenges. Some of these things are built into our CCR's, but we should set priorities and make them transparent to our community. For in the end, the Board serves the community, and the community needs to know what the Board values, what it is doing, and where it wants to go in the future. I am committed to helping the Board articulate those priorities and communicate them to the community in a spirit of transparency.

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