

## **Nominees for the 2024-2025 Three Parks Board of Directors**

**Lorraine Zamora, President** — upon retiring as a professional fundraiser, Lorraine joined Three Parks in 2011 to help with the Obama/Biden campaign storefront. A year later, she joined the board and has served in several capacities: corresponding secretary, newsletter editor, and events coordinator. She was elected president in 2019, at which time she had to learn how to lead club and board meetings on Zoom. She is grateful that the club has resumed meeting in person, is convinced that Three Parks is what keeps her sane during these brutal political times, and hopes to be re-elected.

**Daniele Gerard, First Vice-President** — is a lifelong New Yorker. Currently a senior staff attorney at Children’s Rights, Daniele worked for NYC Council President Carol Bellamy, attended Columbia Law School, practiced at Cravath, Swaine & Moore and North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services, and worked at Food & Water Watch. A Three Parks member since 2004, she’s been a five-term president, a four-time campaign center veteran, and a critic of fracking/Indian Point, the “grand bargain,” and all things Republican.

**Lynn Max, Second Vice-President** — co-managed the Postcard Project for the 2024 Tom Suozzi campaign and the 2022 Keep the House and Senate Campaign. Campaigned for our endorsed candidates in the 2021 City Elections. A leader in the Presidential and

Senate Campaigns of 2020. Co-managed Presidential Campaign Centers in 2004, 2008, and 2012 and in a leader in the 2016 Campaign Center. A lead organizer in the 2018 Take Back Congress campaign. Membership Director 2007-2012, served on the Steering Committee for Three Parks' successful Rezoning Campaign as well as on its Health Care, Social Security and anti-fracking committees.

**Ellen Flax, Treasurer** -- is a philanthropy consultant, serves as the rabbi of several eldercare facilities, and is delighted to continue serving as Three Parks' Treasurer. She has been an active participant in numerous Three Parks campaigns for President, Congress, and for state and city officials.

**Michael Stearns, Recording Secretary** – has been a member of TPID since about 1990, soon after he moved back to the neighborhood where he grew up. TPID has had many achievements and continues to be a major voice on local, state and national issues and elections. Michael has been proud to support TPID in the following ways: tabling during the last two presidential campaigns; leafleting at the 96th Street subway station; working at the 2016 storefront; petitioning for club-endorsed candidates; consistently with my wife Roschel supporting the annual fundraising benefit; writing postcards for the midterm election backing Rev. Raphael Warnock and the Feb. 13 special election for Tom Suozzi; and serving on the NY Democratic County Committee. He also was a poll worker at both West Side High School and the Marseilles from 2016 to 2021.

Michael looks forward to continuing to serve on the club board and assuming the role of recording secretary so he can continue to support TPID activities. He graduated from Pace University and the Columbia Journalism School, and has been a reporter, editor and publisher for daily, weekly and monthly newspapers and magazines since 1970. He continues to work as a part-time editor/proofreader for *Aviation Week*.

**Chuck Wall, Corresponding Secretary**

-- enjoyed a long career as an editor and publisher for major New York book publishing firms. After retiring in 2016, he campaigned with Three Parks at the Clinton/Kaine storefront. In 2018 he joined the Board and since then has helped organize and coordinate numerous phone banks, postcard campaigns, sidewalk tables, and canvassing trips for Democratic candidates through the 2018 midterms, the 2020 Presidential election, and the 2022 midterms. In 2019 he became editor of the TPID newsletter, and he now creates and produces its monthly electronic issues as well as numerous e-blasts announcing Club events He looks forward to working hard for Democratic candidates and supporting progressive issues in 2024 and beyond.

**Josh Pepper, Membership Director** -- is an attorney in private practice representing plaintiffs in civil-rights cases. Before moving to private practice, he spent many years in law practice for the state, including stints as an Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel to the NYS Office of Mental Health. Josh is also a

longtime club member and was president in 2007.

**Lois Safian, Special Events Director** -- is retired from her longtime career as a producer of corporate events, and has lived on the Upper West Side for over 40 years. In 2012 she became an active volunteer with Three Parks at our Obama/Biden Campaign Center, and in 2016 was an integral part of our Clinton/Kaine Campaign Center. Lois has been a board member since 2017, managing the 2019 Holiday Party, the 2020 -2022 Annual Benefit Events, and is looking forward to her continued work with Three Parks.

**Wendy Diller, Programs Director** -- is a long-time resident of the Upper West Side and proud member of the board of Three Parks Dems, who views the club as a vital and effective force for carrying out civic responsibilities, educating the community about important political issues, and fostering Democratic values that we all care about. Professionally, she is a journalist and strategic communications consultant focused on the intersection of medicine, the life sciences and business. She has been actively involved in Three Parks' election activities at both the national and state levels. In 2023, she is committed to working on the equitable and prosperous post-pandemic recovery of New York City and New York State, so that we can all contribute to and benefit from its diversity, creativity, beauty and opportunities for growth. At the federal level, she has fingers crossed for Dems in 2024! She is the mother of three grown children, who all live in the metro area - and she would like them to find New York a

welcoming place to raise families and build lives.

## **Members-at-Large**

**Raven E. Brown**, Ph.D., MPH, MA -- is a comparative political economist, policy scientist, and Assistant Professor and Faculty Fellow at NYU Gallatin as a recipient of a Provost Postdoctoral Fellowship. Raven has been a member of Three Parks and on the County Committee since 2017. She's been involved in politics since her parents brought her to anti-nuclear protests and ACT-UP actions in the 1980s. She worked on Obama's 2008 campaign in Richmond, VA, and Las Vegas, NV. Brown is a native New Yorker, a neighborhood resident for over 30 years, and is committed to grassroots organizing and progressive politics.

**Corinne Constantine** has lived on the Upper West Side since 1976. Now retired, she held professional administrative positions at all the major institutions of higher education in NYC. Following her participation in the Clinton/Kaine Campaign Center as captain of the bus trips to PA, she joined the board and focused on the 2018 midterm election and "taking back Congress." She has also coordinated the annual Fundraiser and the Winter Holiday Party. Most recently, she coordinated all phone banking for the Biden/Harris ticket and for the Georgia run-off election. She also participated almost every day in the tabling on Broadway during the Biden/Harris election.

**Liza Cooper** – is a mother, writer, photographer, entrepreneur, social worker, dating coach, and Upper West Sider. As President of NEW Friends of Metro Theater, she has been working diligently for the past three years with an incredible group of citizens to turn the lights on at 2626 Broadway. Liza works full time at NYU Langone leading programs that improve the pediatric healthcare experience, and overseeing more than 70 volunteers. A lifelong Democrat, raised by liberal New Yorkers, she is delighted to join the Three Parks Board and contribute to ensuring safety, vibrancy, and compassionate, effective leadership across our neighborhood, city and nation.

**Timothy Eckersley** -- came to New York City from London in the '70s and fell in love with the place on sight. For 38 years I have been lucky to live and raise a family on the UWS. As an immigrant I look at politics here with a mix of admiration and skepticism, but for me, TPID is a shining example of the importance of local organization. Retired as an architect with a specialty in the design of new churches, I first volunteered with TPID for the 2016 presidential campaign and joined the board in 2022. I am a County Committee member, have canvassed, petitioned and postcarded. I will be honored to serve for another term.

**Paul Froelich, MPH** -- has been involved as a volunteer in politics since his college days in the 70's - in Madison, Wisconsin. He has volunteered for Democratic Presidential campaigns from McGovern to the present. Since the 70's he earned graduate degrees in public media and public health. For decades

Paul worked in communications strategy and design in the New York agency world. He worked for government, corporate and non-profit organizations – especially those focused on health promotion. His focus was on strategic communications and media design. Paul has been the producer of many communication programs, including the development of events, video programs and websites. Paul has consulted on communications, message design, and media delivery for various organizations. Over the past five years, Paul has been an active member of Three Parks, volunteering for various campaign outreach efforts, including Antonio Delgado's campaigns in the Hudson Valley. He has also consulted and helped with Club AV support, including recording of meetings for the website. Paul is dedicated to helping Three Parks grow membership and involvement, as well as see the State Democratic Party efforts become more robust.

**Mary Ann Marks**—has been a resident of the Upper West Side for over 40 years, a club member for 20 years, and a board member for 19 years. In addition to actively participating in the Three Parks '04, '08, '12, and '16 storefront campaign centers, Mary Ann has worked on campaigns for rezoning, health care, anti-fracking, and closing Indian Point. She campaigned for Cynthia Doty for City Council and for Hilary Clinton for President, and in 2020 she campaigned at the club's sidewalk tables for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Mary Ann coordinates the mailings of the club's print-version monthly newsletters.

**Steve Max** -- was a manager of the '08 and '12 Obama Campaign Centers and helped staff the '16 Clinton Campaign Center. A Bernie Sanders socialist, he co-chaired TPID committees on Social Security, health care, and anti-fracking and worked to re- authorize rent regulation laws, and pass neighborhood downzoning. He is on the current committee to stop Broadway up-zoning. In 2018, 2020 he was a leader in TPID's Take Back the Presidency and Congress campaigns. He co-managed the Club's 2022 postcard campaign for Robert Zimmerman and Rev. Warnock and the 2024 postcard campaign for Tom Suozzi. Steve is a tech person for the Club's live and Zoom meetings, website and electronic endorsement voting. Steve is semi-retired and works part time for The Midwest Academy, a training school for progressive organizers.

**Miriam Rabban** -- seeks your support for continuing to serve as a Three Parks Independent Democrats (TPID) Board member and for working to sustain its progressive activities. She is particularly interested in voting rights, affordable housing and campaigning for progressive candidates. She has connected members of TPID to campaigns in the 19th Congressional district upstate (for Democrats Antonio Delgado and Josh Riley.) She writes articles for the TPID newsletter including one about NYC Public Housing. In addition, she helps with such TPID activities as tabling and petitioning.

**Irene Shrier** — has been a West Sider since the late 1960s. Irene is a retired NYC high school math teacher who also taught GED in



an alternative high school program for women living in shelters. Irene has been member of Three Parks since 2004 and was active in the club's storefront campaigns for John Kerry, Barack Obama, and Hillary Clinton. In 2020 she campaigned for the Biden/Harris ticket and organized phone banks for Max Rose's congressional campaign. In 2022 she organized campaign trips for Max Rose's congressional campaign. She is also a member of the Democratic County Committee. Irene believes we need to stay strong and remain actively engaged in local politics for the upcoming years.

**Daniel Tsadok** -- is a software developer and instructor, and currently works as a Network and Web Administrator at New York University. He first discovered Three Parks in 2016 through the Clinton/Kaine storefront. In 2022 he campaigned with the club for Robert Zimmerman, Josh Riley and Max Rose. He helps with the club's Sound Crew for in-person meetings and is also on the Website Committee. He is particularly concerned about protecting human rights, the environment, and the free internet.

**Doug Whelan** -- grew up in western New York and has lived in the neighborhood since mid-2019, when he moved to the city shortly after college. He became involved in Three Parks not long after due to his strong interest in state and local politics. Doug has greatly enjoyed serving as a Board member this past year and has also been an alternate judicial delegate twice. Outside of the club, he is currently a second-year law student at Fordham.

