

# ADAM STOLBERG

## *for City Council*

*Response to RNA Board Questions  
March 2, 2017*

*State your reasons for seeking a position on \_\_\_\_\_*

I am seeking the position to fill the 2-year seat on City Council created by Paul Frank's resignation. My reason for running is simple. I believe in giving back to the Community in which I grew up in and where we chose to raise our children. I strongly value civic responsibility and community service and believe that by getting involved in local government we are modeling these values for our children. I believe I have the effective combination of knowledge, dedication and experience to serve the residents of Highland Park well and represent their voice on City Council.

*Describe the skills, talents and experiences you would contribute to your position*

As a lifelong resident of Highland Park, City Commissioner, parent of three school age children, professional and community volunteer, I have my finger on the pulse of the community on a daily basis. In my almost six years of service, I have considered virtually every type of issue that comes before the City Council. This includes land use and zoning, sustainability, infrastructure, finance, intergovernmental relations, public safety, traffic and parking, affordable housing, human resources, historic preservation and more.

As the owner of a property management firm, I hold the industry's highest designation of Professional Community Association Manager. Running a homeowner association is like running a small city. As CEO, I manage over 110 Associations with Annual Budgets exceeding \$100 Million and \$10+ Million in capital expenditures. On a daily basis I deal with physical plant management, long and short term fiscal planning, infrastructure maintenance, project management and capital improvement projects, vendor and union negotiations, budgeting, financial reporting and most importantly resident issues. No two days are alike, and every day requires addressing challenges by working with and listening to residents' needs and concerns.

I am the Executive Director of the Submersible Wastewater Pump Association, the worldwide industry leader in educational training for municipal operators, consulting engineers and wastewater professionals. I have worked with hundreds of wastewater professionals across the globe to help develop and maintain wastewater treatment processes that benefit millions of people and ensure safe practices for the future.

*I have a proven track record of solving problems by forging working relationships that result in actual, viable solutions. I understand how the City works and the important relationships between our sister governments and partners.*

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***Write a brief job description of your view of the position, including the time commitment required.***

The City Council sets policy that not only addresses today's needs, but also lays the foundation for future financial strength, community vibrancy, character preservation and overall quality of life in Highland Park. Residents of Highland Park have come to expect their City leaders to have knowledge, experience and dedication. A good Councilman knows how to listen and how to lead. Accomplishing this is no easy task, and requires a tremendous time commitment in order to be able to make sound, informed decisions. The Council meetings are just the tip of the iceberg. Community engagement, liaisons to City Commissions, working with staff all take many hours each week. In my roll as Chairman of the Plan Commission I have put in the time needed to be effective as a Community Leader. I would bring the same Commitment to the City Council.

***What do you feel are the most important issues facing 112/113/City/Park Board and how would you address those issues.***

I would like to focus on the position I am running for, Councilman, and what I feel are the key issues to be addressed in the next term. Our biggest issue is the financial challenge today and in the coming years. We face a number of financial pressures that we must address. These pressures include: The volatility of the State budget, pension obligations, the ability to maintain a vibrant downtown in the face of the impact internet shopping has on local businesses, aging infrastructure and the need to continue to focus on sustainability, public safety and human services. We need to continue to foster good economic development, while maintaining the character of Highland Park.

The issues facing School District 112 are significant and I am confident that they will come to a successful resolution. As a Councilman, I will work to encourage strong intergovernmental relationships, while addressing the concerns of the community as a whole. My experiences as Plan Commission Chairman during the 113 referendum and construction show my proven ability to let our respective sister governments come to viable solutions, and listen to all sides ensure compliance and public safety to achieve what is best for the community.

***How would you reach out and encourage all members of the community?***

I am always available to take the time to meet with or respond to any resident's concern. I encourage residents to have a voice. Come to Council Meetings. Come to Commission Meetings. Watch the meeting of YOUR governmental officials in action. If elected, my door (or email or cell phone) will always be open. I am also going to set up regular "meet and speak" sessions at local venues so that people can come talk to me about their concerns, what they would like to see going on in Highland Park, or any issue they feel important.

I am ready to work for you from day one!