

Your Co-op Needs YOU

... to serve on its Board of Directors

Seward Park Cooperative is a corporation with assets worth over \$1 billion and an annual operating budget nearly \$26 million. **Eleven volunteer directors** set the size of our budget and decide how it is spent. They make operational and policy decisions big and small that impact our lives and our homes, today and for years to come. **You** can be one of these eleven by running in this year's board election, which will take place on **June 19, 2013**. Applications to run for the board of directors will be due to the management office on **April 30, 2013**.

Some of the issues we face in the short- and long-term would surely benefit from professional skills and expertise, including experience in:

- Legal matters (corporate, transactional, regulatory & litigation)
- Real estate and development (residential and commercial)
- Accounting and budget management
- Investments and finance
- Community-building and outreach
- Architecture, site design, interior design, and urban planning
- Operations, management and administration
- Government and Organized Labor
- Communications, Public Relations and Event Planning
- Mediation and dispute resolution
- Safety and Security
- Social Work and treatment of psychiatric disorders

The Commitment: Roughly one evening per month for regular board meetings.

If you are motivated, of course, you can choose to contribute your time outside the boardroom by chairing or participating in committees and initiatives, working with management to implement policy, and communicating with fellow directors, shareholders and third parties (vendors, community groups and elected officials).

- The Rewards:**
- Protect and enhance your investment in your home
 - Preserve what you cherish; help to bring positive change
 - Chart the course of your neighborhood's future
 - Learn about our operational, social, financial and legal issues
 - Gain valuable experience negotiating contracts and settling disputes
 - Solve problems by cooperating with fellow directors and management
 - Serve your community in a meaningful way; nurture your vision for our co-op and the neighborhood
 - That warm, fuzzy feeling you get from helping your neighbors and community

If you have interest, valuable relevant skills and/or life experience – and are willing to serve – or, if you are curious to learn more about the experience of serving as a director, please contact me at:

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