

## Biographies For Village Nominating Committee Candidates

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**Candidate:** Erin Ankin

**Precinct:** 1

**Biography:** I serve on the Glencoe Junior High Project Board and enjoy giving back to our amazing community. Until September 2023, I was managing partner and general counsel at Waterton, where I served on the firm's Management and Investment Committees. Before Waterton, I was a real estate and finance associate at Levenfeld Pearlstein. I hold a BA in English and Political Science from the University of Michigan and a JD from Chicago-Kent College of Law. I am a member of the National Multifamily Housing Council, the Urban Land Institute and serve on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Next Generation Board.

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**Candidate:** Jesse Goldman

**Precinct:** 1

**Biography:** I am proud to call Glencoe home, together with my wife, Lauren, our two children and two long-haired dachshunds. I have been in technology since the dot-com bubble, mostly supporting the growth of disruptive early-stage organizations. At Harvard, I pursued a Mind, Brain & Behavior track and remain keenly interested in the dynamics of exceptional teams. I played competitive baseball and have enjoyed being an assistant coach with the Glencoe Baseball Association. I have experienced first-hand how village services positively benefit our community and am excited to deepen my commitment to Glencoe by serving on the Village Nominating Committee.

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**Candidate:** Priscilla C. Sperling

**Precinct:** 1

**Biography:** After graduating from the University of Chicago Law School, I became a commercial real estate lawyer and partner at Mayer Brown. My husband and I moved to Glencoe in 1980 and have lived here ever since. Our three children graduated from the Glencoe Park District Preschool, the Glencoe schools, and New Trier High School. While they were in school here, I was active in school matters supporting the French language program and serving on the New Trier High School Caucus. After they left, I started playing my flute again and volunteering at Equestrian Connection, an equine therapy barn.

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**Candidate:** Michael Teplitsky

**Precinct:** 1

**Biography:** My wife Isabelle, our three children (Jordyn, Sydney, and Parker), and I are proud to call Glencoe home. I grew up in Chicago, attended high school in Wilmette, and pursued my college education in Evanston. Our family actively engages in Glencoe's community, attending family skate nights at Watts and biking in Skokie Lagoons. We also organize and host fundraising events to support civic causes. Our favorite local spots include Guildhall and Hometown Coffee. Additionally, our children attend religious school at Am Shalom. Professionally, I am a partner at a private equity investment firm.

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**Candidate:** Saree Boroditsky

**Precinct:** 2

**Biography:** Our family cherishes the sense of community in Glencoe and considers ourselves fortunate to call it home. Our two young children relish playing at the numerous parks, particularly when we pair Friend's Park with lunch at Hometown. We prioritize ensuring our children thrive in a secure environment and emphasize the importance of our Glencoe board making this a top priority in their decisions. Professionally, I have dedicated almost twenty years to finance, currently serving as a senior vice president in equity research.

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**Candidate:** Ira Chaplik

**Precinct:** 2

**Biography:** My background is in law, accounting, real estate and corporate investments. I moved to Glencoe in 2021. Previously, 5 years as a member and Chairman of the Highland Park Zoning Board of Appeals. Additionally, I was a member of HP school board sub-committees tasked to analyzing and recommending plans for redevelopment and reconfiguration of school districts. I've also been a member of several corporate boards of directors, focusing on strategic direction, staffing, investment analysis and capital markets. I would like to contribute my experience and energy for the benefit of the Village of Glencoe.

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**Candidate:** Jessica Gatto

**Precinct:** 2

**Biography:** Jessie and her husband have lived in Glencoe since 2015 and have three young children, who you'll often find playing in the yard with neighbors. Jessie is grateful to raise her kids in a unique community with a wonderful park district, a walkable downtown, Glencoe Golf Club, and friendly neighbors. Jessie is excited about the opportunity to help Glencoe continue to grow and respond to changes in our environment and social context. Currently a leader of Humana's design team, she brings 20 years of experience in research, problem framing, and design of new, user friendly tools and programs.

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**Candidate:** Soledad Adrianzén McGrath

**Precinct:** 2

**Biography:** Soledad Adrianzén McGrath is a Research Professor at Northwestern University's Institute for Policy Research, and Executive Director of CORNERS: the Center for Neighborhood Engaged Research & Science, a research center conducting cutting-edge research into the ways that Neighborhood Science can be used to understand and address pressing social issues. She is committed to improving community health and well-being by building community and organizational partnerships and translating research into concrete policy solutions. Ms. McGrath is from Lima, Perú and lives in Glencoe with her husband and three children. She earned her BA from Northwestern University and her JD from Emory University.

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**Candidate:** Phyllis Cheskin

**Precinct:** 4

**Biography:** Currently, I chair the Eco-Landscape Committee of the Sustainability Task Force, and am on the Water, Trees, and Ravine Committee since 2022. I have a landscape design /consulting business (15 years) that has exposed me to a wide range of residents and issues on the North Shore. Other: I worked at the Glencoe Park District (GPD)-sponsored plant sale for eight years; volunteered at the Friends of the Glencoe Public Library sale; and developed the first Spanish language program at South School when my son attended. Previously I had a career in medical communications in Chicago and New York City.

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**Candidate:** Mark Peters

**Precinct:** 4

**Biography:** I am a former member of the village caucus serving in the early 2000's. I am a volunteer working with friends of the Green Bay trail and past board member of The Glencoe Youth Services. I volunteer at North Shore Congregation Israel in a variety of capacities.

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**Candidate:** Rich Silverstein

**Precinct:** 4

**Biography:** Rich Silverstein moved to Glencoe from Wilmette with his family in 2016. Mr. Silverstein's various civic duties have included representing Glencoe on the New Trier Caucus (2018, 2020), Avenues to Independence board member, Project Rubicon covid vaccination team leader and the founder of the New Trier Flag Football League. Since moving here Rich has developed a special appreciation for Glencoe and may often be found with his black poodle, Scout, wasting the day away in downtown Glencoe. He is enthusiastic to give back to our wonderful community.

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**Candidate:** Barney Gallagher

**Precinct:** 5

**Biography:** As immediate past chair of the Glencoe Sustainability Task Force, I have had numerous opportunities to interact with the Village Board of Trustees and the Board of Park Commissioners, less so with the Library Board of Trustees. I have developed an understanding of how important it is to attract dedicated individuals to these boards and the impact that board members can make on the future of our community. My wife, Adrienne, and I have lived in Glencoe for almost 30 years, raising our three children here. I appreciate the importance of our public institutions and seek to participate in the process of finding good candidates by serving on the caucus.

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**Candidate:** Daphne Kao

**Precinct:** 5

**Biography:** I graduated from New Trier High School and the University of Chicago, returning to Glencoe during the pandemic to support my family. As a software engineer at the time, faced with the enormity of the circumstances, I retrained in Highland Park Hospital's Emergency Medical Services division and now serve the North Shore as an EMT in Skokie Hospital's Emergency Room. As a Suburban Cook County Polling Place Technician since 2022, I recently worked the 2024 Primaries at Central School, covering four precincts. I also serve on the League of Women Voters' nominating committee, Glenview-Glencoe chapter. On off-duty days, I powerlift.

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**Candidate:** Steven Varick

**Precinct:** 5

**Biography:** I am a retired lawyer (still doing pro-bono legal work). My wife and I have lived in Glencoe since 1989 and raised our three kids here. I was on the caucus from 2018-2020, serving as co-chair in the final cycle. I'm on the Park District's Beach and Lakefront Advisory Board. I believe strongly that the Caucus system has served us well in recruiting and choosing non-partisan Village leaders. I have no particular agenda or issue that drives me, other than to help find the next generation of smart people to make hard choices for our community.

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**Candidate:** Arun David

**Precinct:** 6

**Biography:** Arun was born in Chicago and has lived in Glencoe for 10 years. He graduated from Northwestern University with dual Engineering degrees and has a successful career as a corporate executive. He is a member of the Glencoe Historical Society, Chicago Botanical Garden, and has supported Glencoe Family Services and the Writers Theater. He has been happily married to his wife Annalisa for 14 years and has two sons - Pierson (3) and Henrick (8). He loves raising his family in Glencoe for the strong sense of community, amazing school system and outstanding village services. It would truly be an honor to serve on the caucus.

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**Candidate:** Vijay Mittal

**Precinct:** 6

**Biography:** I have been a proud Glencoe Resident for the past few years and feel incredibly lucky to be raising a young family in this wonderful Community. As a parent I have experience benefitting from our parks, library, community center and schools, and I am eager to build roots and give back. I work as a Professor at Northwestern University and serve as the Chair of the Psychology Department. I hope to use my expertise and experience to help with this important committee role.

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**Candidate:** Greg Alperstein

**Precinct:** 7

**Biography:** I recently moved to Glencoe for its exceptional school system and public amenities, and you'll often find me spending my weekends at our local parks with my family. If elected to the VNC, I will bring valuable skills as a seasoned management consultant, including conducting candidate interviews, developing complex operating strategies, and applying governance structures. As an immigrant from South Africa and naturalized US citizen, I am deeply passionate about civic participation and the democratic process. My love for Glencoe and commitment to enhancing our community make me an ideal candidate for the Village Nominating Committee.

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**Candidate:** Chris Cohen

**Precinct:** 7

**Biography:** Selected as Caucus member 4 times in 37 years. Vice-chair once. Current Municipal Citation Adjudicator. Currently, preside over objections to Nomination Papers for public office at Chicago Electoral Board and Cook County Electoral Board. Current Chair Illinois State Bar Administrative Law Section Council. Criminal defense counsel in 200 cases for indigents. Pro bono volunteer advocate for asylum seekers in Texas & Chicago. Retired federal official. Former Chicago Alderman. Retired Illinois Administrative Law Judge hearing unemployment compensation appeals.