Sunnyside Apartments Resident Council Elections Meet the Candidate Night! Thursday, April 11 6:00-8:00PM Spruce Community Center

Mayor Candidates

Hello, everyone! My wife, son, and I have lived in the Sunnyside Apartments for almost two years. We have loved the community and relationships that we have found here.

Over the past year, I have loved representing you all as Mayor. During that time, while working closely with the Resident Council, we tackled issues like parking and integrating the new

buildings and organized some incredible events! It has been a fantastic experience, and I love representing all of you.

My main objective in running again is to maintain that sense of community we all have come to know and love. As new buildings continue to be built and old ones come down, that sense of community requires intentionality to maintain. If elected, I will ensure that your voices are heard and that we do all we can to keep the Sunnyside Apartments unique.

Gerritt Vander Linden



Communication Liaison Candidates

Jenna Wright

Hi! My name is Jenna Wright, and I am the current Resident Council Communication Liaison. I am rerunning for Communication Liaison again with the desire to serve our wonderful community for another year! Being in this position for the past year, I have learned to hear the voices of the community and bring their concerns to administration to seek out answers and solutions. With all the new apartment changes and constant construction, it is still a priority to have understanding and clear communication between both the residents and administration. That is what I hope to continue to promote for the next year if re-elected!

A little background information about me: I am both a cosmetologist, and master esthetician working in a spa. As a provider in the service industry, I have grown to appreciate and seek out clear communication, understanding, and expectations. I strive to implement those skills as a council member, and in all aspects of my life. My husband, Connor, is in his third year of dental school and we have a fur baby named Ivy.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to continuing serving this wonderful community!

My name is Madeleine and I am a wife and mother of two who has lived in Sunnyside housing since its opening. I would be a good fit for the communications liaison because I have experience in similar roles. During my undergraduate degree, I volunteered as the public relations coordinator for the college of life sciences student council. This involved dispersing information about events as well as connecting people with resources. I have also worked as a teacher, a role where consistent and effective communication with students and parents is crucial. During my time living here so far, I have tried to foster an inclusive community through planning activities and getting to know residents. I hope to continue to do this as the communications liaison.

Madeleine Tullis



Campus Liaison Candidates

No candidates have declared for this position.

Community Liaison Candidates



Cherelle Vaidya

Hello fellow Sunnyside residents! I have lived in student housing for over two years in both the West and East Villages. I currently work from home for the University of Utah Hospital and am working on a degree in Healthcare Management. My husband Miheer is an international student working on a Ph.D. in Computer Science at the U, and we have a son named Alex. My professional background includes training, quality assurance, and operational and project management. I am the current Community Liaison and have LOVED working with residents and administration to be a voice for the people and find solutions to issues. I have a passion for planning and hosting events, connecting with people, and finding and utilizing resources. The Sunnyside community has enriched my life and I plan to see it continue to grow and enhance the lives of everyone here. We are so lucky to have each of you in this community – whether you're single or in a committed relationship, have children or not, or are from the US or are an international student. My goal is to continue to utilize our programs and provide new opportunities for us to connect and learn from one another. Please vote for me! I would love to be your Community Liaison for another year!



Amanda LaFrance

Hi!:) My name is Amanda LaFrance. I am a mom of two sweet little boys and my husband is a medical student at the University of Utah. I am currently working part-time as a writing coach for high school students getting ready to apply for college! I love baking and trying out new recipes, playing board games, and sitting down with a good book. I seriously love our community! It is so important to me to ensure this is a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment. Part of having a supportive community is having fun and exciting activities to help everyone get to know each other! I am passionate about helping people feel involved and included. If you elect me, I will make sure that your voice is heard, and your family's needs are met.

Franklin Huerta

Hello, I'm Franklin Huerta and I am from Lima Peru. I am a language major at the University of Utah. On my free time I like to play soccer, hike, and go on fun adventures with my wife. I am running for Community Liaison. I am the right fit for this position, because I have lived in many different communities, and I am very aware of different situations both good and bad that can impact your living situation. I would like to be your voice and help make sure that you, and your family have a fun and safe community while living in Sunnyside Apartments.

I am willing to work and to make this community a better place to live. I want everyone to have a safe, warm, and welcoming environment while living in Sunnyside Apartments.

Election Day Is Tuesday, April 16 from 7:00 AM to 11:59 PM. Each resident will receive a unique voting link at their email of record.