



# KATE NIEMER

## Area 2 Resident

### **Brief Statement of Interest**

Having served on the Washington Heights Neighborhood Association Board of Directors for the past year, my commitment to our vibrant community has only deepened. My initial interest stemmed from a deep investment in our neighborhood, and my time on the Board has solidified my belief that my skills and enthusiasm continue to be valuable assets. My involvement in the Association's community events, including the Halloween Spooktacular and the Boulevard Bash, has provided me with practical experience in event planning that I am keen to continue leveraging. My belief in the power of collaboration and bringing people together remains strong, and I am confident that my ongoing contributions will continue to enhance the Board's effectiveness in serving our community.

### **Background Information**

I've been fortunate to call Washington Heights home since May 2023, and in that time, I've truly enjoyed exploring the neighborhood, getting to know my wonderful neighbors, taking peaceful walks through Washington Park with my dog Bailey, and feeling the strong sense of community we share. The neighborhood and community events have definitely been the biggest highlights for me over the past couple of years. I especially enjoyed volunteering for the Spooktacular and the Boulevard Bash – it's so rewarding to be part of bringing those experiences to life. Attending Bastille Days West and supporting our fantastic local establishments has also been a real treat.

What inspires me most is the palpable sense of community spirit here in Washington Heights. Seeing neighbors come together for events, support local businesses, and genuinely care for our shared spaces is truly uplifting.

### **Experience**

Having served on the WHNA Board for the past year, I've gained valuable firsthand experience in our association's operations and a deeper understanding of our neighborhood's needs and opportunities. My professional background has equipped me with key skills in project management and communication. This professional acumen, combined with my active engagement in Washington Heights, has allowed me to build meaningful connections with our neighbors.

I am eager to continue leveraging my existing board experience and my diverse skills to contribute effectively to the WHNA's mission and the continued flourishing of Washington Heights.

### **Volunteer and Community Involvement**

I have volunteered with WHNA and served on the WHNA Executive Board as the secretary for the past year. In this role, my responsibilities have included participating in board meetings and decision-making, navigating agenda drafting and implementation, contributing to event planning, assisting with communication efforts.