Allan Baum
Statement of Qualifications



My name is Allan Baum and I am asking for your support of my candidacy for re-election as a Director of FIPPOA. For those of you who don't know me, I have been coming to the Pines since 1978, first rented a house in 1980 and have been a homeowner since 1987. I am a longtime registered voter in the Pines and currently reside at 235 Beach Hill Walk with my husband and partner of 45 years, Frank Liberto, and our beloved schnauzer Ava.

Since joining the FIPPOA Board in 2014, I have served as Executive Producer of our annual Pines Party event. I originally ran for the Board with a goal of reviving the event, which at the time was suffering from lackluster financial results and a loss of community support. I couldn't be prouder of the results.

Working with an amazing volunteer Pines Party Committee, Pines Party has become a world class event and a financial success. Expanded to include five parties, an online auction and the Pines Party Community Journal, Pines Party has consistently raised $250,000+/- each year to support operations of The Pines Foundation and the Seashore Defense Fund and to provide critical financial support to our longtime beneficiary - Stonewall Community Foundation. Even more gratifying than the financial success is the fact that most of the community now embraces the event.

My qualifications for the Director position also include an extensive background in real estate, business and finance. Prior to retiring in 2002, I had a 20-year career in investment banking with Merrill Lynch, Citibank and Credit Suisse. I have also served on several corporate boards, including Gramercy Property Trust (a public REIT acquired by Blackstone), National Consumer Cooperative Bank and Community Development Trust (a private affordable housing REIT where I currently serve as a director).

In addition to serving as a FIPPOA Director, I currently serve as the organization's Vice President and as an active member of the Executive Committee. If re-elected, I will continue to apply my management, business and leadership skills to a wide range of issues affecting the community. While I will continue to serve in a leadership role for Pines Party, one of my priorities will be to identify and groom the next generation of leadership for the event.

I hope I can count on your support in the upcoming election and I look forward to continuing to serve our Pines community as a Director and in my role as Vice President of FIPPOA.

Thanks and regards,

Allan

Dr. Charles A. Montorio-Archer, Esq., MPA



Dr. Charles A. Montorio-Archer brings bold vision, deep integrity, and a lifelong commitment to equity and community to his service on the FIPPOA Board. A nationally respected nonprofit CEO, attorney, and public policy leader, Charles has spent over two decades advancing justice and opportunity in sectors ranging from child welfare/juvenile and disability services to housing and education. He currently advises public-sector leaders across the country on building trauma-informed, equitable systems.

Here in the Pines, Charles leads as Chair of the Committee on Black Equality (CoBE), championing authentic inclusion and dialogue through initiatives like the Juneteenth Freedom Celebration with the Salon Conversation series. He also serves on the AIDS Memorial Task Force, the Brockman Grants Task Force, and the Board of the Pines Care Center—ensuring health, history, and equity remain at the center of our shared future.

Charles lives between Fire Island Pines and New York City with his husband, Paolo, and their French bulldog, Giuseppe. As a Black, queer leader with a global perspective and deep local investment, he brings both lived experience and executive know-how to the Board. His leadership is rooted in strategic governance, coalition-building, and a collaborative spirit always focused on preserving what makes the Pines special while pushing us to be bolder, better, and more just.

Charles would be honored to continue serving this community and building a Fire Island Pines where every voice belongs.



Nate Pinsley
Candidate for FIPPOA Board of Directors

Dear Neighbors,

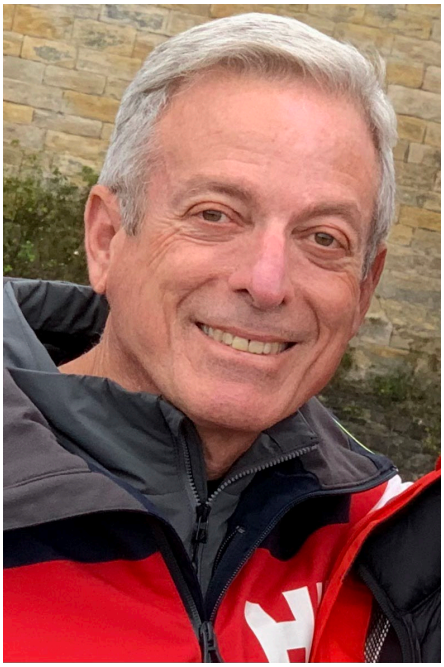
I was first elected to the FIPPOA Board in 2021 and I'm proud to say that I've consistently contributed to our community since then, with a number of highlights listed below. I would be grateful for your vote in support of my second term and appreciate the encouragement to keep up the good work!

Thank you,

Highlights of my work as a FIPPOA Board Member from 2021-2025

- **Co-Chair of the Whyte Hall Operating Committee**
  In this role I help steer Whyte Hall's policies, procedures and infrastructure investments. Our most important initiative since 2021 has been substantially increasing community utilization of this cherished resource, which was up to 368 bookings in 2024 – more than double the amount when we started.
- **Co-Producer of the Pines 70th Anniversary Celebration**
  Together with a fantastic team of volunteers and staff, and after nine months of planning, in August 2023 we hosted a daytime beach celebration marking the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Pines, bringing together over 700 members of the community of all ages and identities.
- **Trailblazers Park Committee**
  Having recently joined this committee, I engage in thoughtful conversations about the selection of honorees and artists and help to support the long-term success of this monumental and deeply meaningful addition to the Harbor.
- **Pines Party 2025, Co-Producer of "CabanaLand"**
  Taking the opportunity to reinvigorate the Cabana program, for 2025 we've made improvements to nearly every aspect of the event design, ordering experience and behind-the-scenes processes.
- **Fire Island Boulevard Beautification**
  As an FIB-adjacent homeowner, I have a special interest in supporting our boulevard beautification efforts, including the Spring & Fall Community Cleanups and the effort to better conceal parked cars.

For those of you who I have not yet met, my husband Peter and I first met in 2015 when we were housemates in Fire Island and we now live on Pine Walk with our dog Butler. When not in the Pines we live in NYC and I work in innovation at a global real estate investment and development firm.



Russell Saray. I am a long-time resident of the Pines, renting my first share in 1992. For the past 24 years I've lived with my husband, Steve Foster on Nautilus Walk. We look forward to opening the house in early March every year and then closing in late fall.

I am long retired from a career in marketing, sales and education but I remain committed to the joy of coaching, inspiring and motivating those who join me in the causes I promote. In addition to my work here on the island with FIPPOA, I serve as Secretary for The Pines Conservation Society. In the city, I am on the 299 West 12th Street condo board.

For more than a decade, I've prided myself on being a very busy director taking on challenges and bringing practical solutions to life. As Chair of the Seashore Defense Fund, I grew its coffers to over $150,000. The SDF continues to educate us on how to prepare, preserve and protect our most precious resource, our beach. I designed and oversaw the installation of Beach Bin trash receptacles (twice!) and KEEP OFF DUNES signs. This past spring, new serpentine sand fencing was installed once the beach replenishment project was completed. The fencing is aggregating sand at an unprecedented rate.

I co-chaired the Membership committee and increased membership to its then highest levels. I continue to work with the team - bringing the first Community Map in the harbor to life. I led the work to create the Sandbook which then became the template for the new FIPPOA website. I created and launched the very popular digital Community Bulletin Board which puts our many non-profits' events on the community's radar. With my colleague, Chris Mai, we completed the new Walk Sign Project, a groundbreaking infrastructure project for the Pines.

I will continue to serve the Pines community where my attention to detail and commitment to "getting things done" will be a valuable resource. I enjoy being an active member of our community and I look forward to being your advocate in the Pines.

I would be honored to have your vote. Thank you!

Russell