

## Zach Bunshaft

Growing up in San Diego, it has always been my dream to call the Uptown community my home. I live on the border of Hillcrest and Mission Hills, and love to experience the best that these two extraordinary neighborhoods have to offer.

My love of community drives almost every decision I make. After graduating from San Diego State University, I accepted a position in the Washington D.C. office of Congresswoman Susan Davis, working to improve the everyday lives of San Diegans. After a year in the nation's Capital, it was confirmed for me that positive change truly starts from the ground up. I then moved back home to work on issues surrounding housing and the environment as a Community Representative in the Congresswoman's district office. In this role, I attend community events and planning group meetings all throughout the region to listen to the concerns of San Diegans and help to craft solutions.

From this invaluable experience, I have witnessed the best and worst of community planning groups. Yes, I have seen squabbling, abuse of power, and failure to communicate, but I have also seen transparency, active listening, and community engagement, leading to thoughtful decision-making and smart growth. I wish to help usher in an era of the latter.

I know how to build consensus, compromise, and community, and I value your participation in the process. A vote for me and the Rise Up Town slate is a vote for an even brighter future for the Uptown Planners and the Uptown community. Thank you for your time, consideration, and vote.