

STEPHEN CLINE – UPTOWN PLANNERS BOARD CANDIDATE STATEMENT

My name is Stephen Cline and I came to San Diego in 1990 to attend law school at California Western School of Law. I had barely unpacked my Uhaul into my first apartment in Hillcrest when I fell in love with San Diego and determined that I was never leaving... I have now been here for roughly 29 years and have spent most of that time living/working within the Uptown, and Gaslamp areas.

After passing the California Bar Examination in 1994, I became a Deputy Public Defender for San Diego County. I then left that office to start my own private practice in roughly 2003. Once in private practice, I developed a broad legal practice that encompassed criminal defense, landlord/tenant, administrative law, land use, and served as house counsel for a number of growing property development and Gaslamp entertainment businesses.

After roughly 15 years in private practice, I decided to shutter the practice in the summer of 2018 and accept a senior trial attorney position within the San Diego County Public Defender Office where my career had begun.

My wife Tiffiney is a successful real estate broker who owns several rental units in the University Heights area. We currently live in Mission Hills where I currently serve as a Board Member on the Mission Hills Town Council.

As a successful trial lawyer I can state unequivocally that the secret to my success has been my ability to carefully listen/consider all sides of any dispute. By doing this, I have always been able to find a path to a fair resolution for all involved. I think this particular skill and my broad legal background would be a strong benefit to the Uptown Community Planning Committee and I would be honored to receive your vote.