

Gail Friedt

Originally from North Dakota, I have lived in the San Diego area for over 30 years. I am a seven-year resident of Hillcrest, 5 years as a renter and thanks to a VA loan was able to purchase my condo 2 years ago. I love this community! I chose this area because of its character, diversity and easy access to shopping, healthcare, restaurants, the airport and downtown.

As a Hillcrest homeowner, I am passionate about building more housing for everyone. I'm not pro density for density's sake, but I do seek greater housing opportunities aligned with climate action goals. I'm saddened to see so many businesses close in the last few years because of the lack of patronage.

We need to balance the needs of current residents while building toward a vision that future generations will find desirable and affordable. As a woman, I am particularly concerned about making Uptown a safe and comfortable place to live and walk. It's important to address issues of personal safety and street harassment.

Uptown needs improved walkability through safer (and cleaner) sidewalks and crosswalks and more protected bike lanes for the ever-improving dock less transportation options. Finally, I want to expand the 'greening' of Uptown – through the planting of more trees and finding ways for the City to add green spaces.

Professionally, I'm an RN with experience in critical care and emergency nursing (7 years at UCSD Medical Center) and have spent the last 20 years in the pharmaceutical industry. I'm also a retired Captain, Nurse Corps, US Navy Reserves.

I would be honored to receive your vote and I promise to work hard to have all voices heard.