

# John Schwab-Sims Elected President of The Glendale Historical Society

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(GLENDALE, CA) August 31, 2022 ... The Glendale Historical Society (TGHS) has elected Glendale resident John Schwab-Sims to be its President for the 2022-2023 year. Schwab-Sims, who served as Vice President, Preservation Advocacy, replaces Steve Hunt, who stepped down as President after four years. Joining Schwab-Sims as TGHS officers for 2022-2023 are: Ani Mnatsakanyan, Vice President, Outreach; Hilary Sbei, Vice President, Membership; Kathryn Engel, Treasurer; and Nancy Oshima, Secretary.

“I look forward to ensuring that The Glendale Historical Society continues to take the lead in advocating for historic preservation in the City of Glendale so its diverse history and architectural heritage continues for current and future generations,” Schwab-Sims declared.

“My top priorities include increasing the number of historic districts, encouraging more landmark designations, enhancing the Doctors House Museum, and growing our membership. As the pandemic eases, I also look forward to engaging with membership more closely through

added events, including top-notch tours and special experiences that celebrate Glendale’s treasured architecture,” added Schwab-Sims.

Schwab-Sims has been a Glendale resident for 10 years. He recently served as Vice President, Preservation Advocacy, where he spearheaded key events including a Glendale Register/Mills Act Workshop and Historic District Walking Tours. He has also advocated for key TGHS and historic preservation issues at the Historic Preservation Commission and Glendale City Council, including the new development at 620 N. Brand. Outside of TGHS, he has served on the Vestry at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church from 2019 - 2022 and currently serves on the Church’s Endowment Committee. Lastly, he is a co-applicant for the proposed Bellehurst Historic District, where he lives with his husband, Curtis Schwab-Sims, and their daughter, Evelyn.

In addition to the officers, the other members of the Board of Directors for 2022-2023 are Jon Crook, Renée Leask, David Meunier, Maria Sahakian, Erik Van Breene, and Katherine Peters Yamada.