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**Advisory Board & Committee Interest Form - Submission #28312**

**Date Submitted: 3/19/2025**

**Last Name\***

Sklar

**First Name\***

Agustina

**District # You Live In.\***

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**Home Address\***

6000 North Ocean Drive  
Unit 3N

**City\***

Hollywood FL

**State\***

FL

**Zip Code\***

33019

**Home Phone**

9546089577

**Cell Phone**

**Email Address\***

agustina.sklar@gmail.com

**Owner or Renter \***

Owner

**Number of years as city resident\***

5

**Are you registered to vote in Broward County?\***

Yes

**Education (highest degree / level)**

Master's Degree

**Occupation\***

Architect

**Work Phone**

9546089577

**Business Name\***

AMS Architecture and Design Corp

**Business Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip Code**

**Identify the board / committee(s) to which you request appointment (Please rank in order of preference)**

**Selection (1)\***

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee



**Selection (2)\***

None



**Selection (3)\***

None



**Selection (4)\***

None



### **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - Questions\***

**\*\*PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS FOR THOROUGH RESPONSES\*\***

1. ANSWER: After reviewing the 2022 Broward County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment published by FIU, it is clear that several key supply and demand factors are impacting the availability and production of affordable housing in our city. Since the pandemic, Hollywood has struggled to keep pace with dramatic shifts in the housing market. Investor purchases have surged, reducing the availability of homes for local buyers and long-term renters. At the same time, increasing renter demand, historically low rental vacancy rates, and skyrocketing rent prices have made it nearly impossible for working-class residents to secure stable housing. **\*PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS FOR THOROUGH RESPONSES\***

2. ANSWER: As an architect, my skill set aligns closely with Affordable Housing Construction and Housing Market Stability. My expertise lies in designing efficient, cost-effective building solutions that balance aesthetics with affordability. **\*PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS FOR THOROUGH RESPONSES\***

3. ANSWER: I am deeply passionate about Rental Housing Affordability and Housing Market Stability. **\*PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS FOR THOROUGH RESPONSES\***

4. ANSWER: As an immigrant who came to this country at a young age, I faced several obstacles in navigating systems that were often complex and difficult to access. I was fortunate to overcome many of these challenges due to certain privileges, such as education and support networks, but I recognize that these should not be prerequisites for accessing fair and clear information. **\*PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS FOR THOROUGH RESPONSES\***

5. ANSWER: Housing diversity is critical to Hollywood's economic health, resilience, and long-term growth. As the 2022 Broward County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment highlights, a diversified housing stock strengthens the entire county and makes Hollywood more adaptable to economic fluctuations. **\*PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS FOR THOROUGH RESPONSES\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood? 2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? • Home Purchase Education, • Housing Market Employment, • Housing Market Stability, • Affordable Housing Construction, • Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? • Ownership Housing Affordability, • Rental Housing Affordability, • Housing Market Stability, • New Housing Construction, • Fair Housing. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

### **African American Advisory Council - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is the greatest challenge facing the African American Community in Hollywood? 2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to AAAC initiatives? 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? \* Education, \* Employment, \* Economics, \* Cultural Awareness, \* Housing. 4. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? \* Education, \* Employment, \* Economics, \* Cultural Awareness, \* Housing. 5. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism?

### **Artwork Selection Committee - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. Why do you want to join the Artwork Selection Committee? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Monday each month at 5:30pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the Arts within the City of Hollywood?

### **Civil Service Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Describe your involvement with establishing, reviewing and interpreting policies and procedures? 2. Describe your involvement in employment practices including interviewing, testing, hiring, selection and promotion, demotions, transfers, etc. 3. Describe your knowledge of Civil Service and its purpose. 4. Why do you want to serve on this Civil Service Board? 5. Are you a continuous resident of and continuous registered elector in the City of Hollywood?

### **Community Development Advisory Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Do you reside in a low and moderate income (LMI) neighborhood in Hollywood per the most recent US Census data? A Hollywood LMI Map is located at [www.hollywoodfl.org](http://www.hollywoodfl.org) on the Community and Economic Development webpage. 2. What Community Development issues do you believe are the most important to Hollywood? 3. What is your definition of a healthy neighborhood? 4. What do you believe is the vision and primary work of the Community Development Advisory Board? 5. What do you believe uniquely qualifies you to serve on the Community Development Advisory Board?

### **Education Advisory Committee - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are the current challenges facing education? 2. What is your vision for education in Hollywood? 3. What do you see as the primary work of the Education Advisory Committee? 4. With only one meeting a month, the Committee is limited in what it can do. How does/should the Committee decide what's most important? 5. How can the Committee know if its mission and goals are being accomplished?

### **Employees' Retirement Plan - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Are you familiar with the State's Sunshine Laws (Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes)? 2. Are you available to attend in person regular monthly Board meeting (typically held the 4th Tuesday of each month)? 3. What knowledge, skills and/or abilities will you bring to the Employees' Retirement Plan? 4. What do you believe are the responsibilities of a trustee on a municipal retirement plan board? 5. Are you familiar with municipal defined benefit retirement plans and/or have previous experience serving on a municipal retirement plan board?

### **Firefighters' Pension Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 2. What experience do you have with firefighter pensions? 3. What is your financial background? 4. How many years have you lived in Hollywood? 5. How familiar are you with local retirement systems?

### **General Obligation Bond Oversight Advisory Committee - Questions\***

Please answer these four questions above. Why do you want to join the GO Bond Oversight Advisory Committee? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. 3. Which Bond interests you the most? Public Safety? Parks/Golf/Open Space or Neighborhoods & Resiliency? 4. What is your perspective on city quality of life, healthy neighborhoods, economic development & a strong tax base?

### **Historic Preservation Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Historic Preservation Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. \* Personal experiences, \* Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base, within the Historic Districts, while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. How would you balance historic architecture with modern architectural styles? 5. What do you like about the City's different Historic Districts?

### **Hollywood Centennial Celebration Committee\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your primary interest in serving on the Committee? 2. What is your financial/accounting background? 3. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 4. What other organizations and/or associations were you previously, and/or currently involved with? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee meetings? (dates to be determined by all members)

### **Hollywood Housing Authority - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood? 2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? \* Property Management, \* Affordable Housing Administration, \* Housing Market Stability, \* Affordable Housing Construction, \* Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? \* Property Management, \* Rental Housing Affordability, \* Housing Market Stability, \* New Housing Construction, \* Fair Housing. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

### **Marine Advisory Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your involvement with the City of Hollywood's Waterways? 2. What will guide your decisions on this board? 3. Are you able to dedicate 2-3 hours a month to attend the meetings? Attendance is paramount to this Board being able to get things done. 4. Are you currently or have you been a boater, marine industry professional or involved in any other marine related industry? 5. What is your vision for the city of Hollywood's Waterway system?

### Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Advisory Board - Questions\*

Please answer these six questions above. 1. How many events have you attended in the past year at any of the parks and athletics facilities in the City? 2. How many City-sponsored special events have you attended for the past year? 3. Are you available to attend regular Board meetings? Regular meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month for 8 months per calendar year. 4. What is your one area of highest interest related to the parks, recreation and cultural arts for the City? 5. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 6. How does parks, recreation and cultural arts contribute to quality of life?

### Planning & Development Board - Questions\*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Planning and Development Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. \* Personal experiences, \* Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. What recent developments within the City are most proud of? 5. What is a Comprehensive Plan?

### Police Officer's Pension Board - Questions\*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is a fiduciary? And what is your responsibility to the police pension plan as a fiduciary? 2. What is the Sunshine Law? 3. What is Asset Allocation & Diversification? 4. Explain the history of Chapter 99-1 and Chapter 185? 5. Define the role of the Actuary and the Auditor?

### Sister Cities Advisory Committee - Questions\*

1. Do you speak more than one language? If so, what languages do you speak? 2. Do you have experience in travel, cultural exchange, and/or fund-raising? Please describe. 3. Which Sister City focus areas are you most passionate about: a. Art and Culture; b. Business and Trade; c. Community Development; d. Youth and Education. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. Please describe why you are interested in serving on the Sister Cities Advisory Committee.

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### Sustainability Advisory Committee - Questions\*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Why do you want to join the committee? 2. Have you attended any committee meetings? If so, how many? 3. What knowledge, skills, and abilities would you bring to the committee if appointed? 4. What other organizations, clubs, or associations are you involved in? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee and subcommittee meetings? Regular meetings are held monthly with subcommittee meetings held as needed. 6. What types of projects would you like to see the committee work on?

### Young Circle ArtsPark Advisory Board - Questions\*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. How many ArtsPark events have you attended within the past year? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Tuesday each month at 5:30 pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the ArtsPark at Young Circle?

Are you interested in serving on more than one board/committee?\*

No

If so, how many?\*

1



Applicant must attend at least one board/committee meeting prior to consideration of application for every board applied. Please list board/committee meetings you attended in the last year?\*

1

**Are you currently on a County or City Board?\***

Yes



**If yes, please describe**

Broward Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

**If you are applying for a board / committee, which has specific requirements / categories, please detail how your background and/or experience meets the required criteria.\***

My background and experience align closely with the requirements of the Hollywood Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, particularly in the areas of affordable housing construction, advocacy, and policy analysis.

**Please describe your professional and/or volunteer experience or background, which best qualifies you for selection to the board / committee.\***

As the committee chair of the Affordable Housing Committee at the League of Women Voters of Broward County, I have been deeply involved in housing policy, research, and advocacy.

**Are you presently employed by the City of Hollywood?\***

No



**If so, in what capacity?\***

N/A

**Attach Resume (only .doc and .pdf files)\***

Agustina M Sklar Resume.pdf

## AGUSTINA MARIA SKLAR [Registered Architect AR101065]

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Agustina Maria is a designer focused on residential sustainable development. She is a graduate from the Advanced Placement Master Program at the University of Pennsylvania. During her graduate studies, she worked with Broward County's Climate Change Task Force and the City of Miami's Sustainable Initiatives researching the South Florida region's climate action plan. Her work was focused on creating efforts and initiatives that have become a model for environmental best practices within residential and commercial design. As founder of AMS Design, her design approach is realized through collaboration with a broad group of forward-thinking clients and consultants. Led by Agustina, the projects are all unified by their response to context and performance goals. With an interactive design process, each project is approached with a sense of invention and innovation.

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### EXPERIENCE

#### AMS Design, Fort Lauderdale, FL — *Founder, Designer & CEO*

April 2020- Current

- Founder and Designer of AMS Design which is a design firm based in Broward County committed to making buildings and environments that bring meaning to their context.
- AMS Design is currently working on ~20,000 total SF in residential projects ranging from single family home renovations to new construction multifamily in Palm Beach, Miami Dade, and Broward County.
- As founder, we solicit new projects, guide clients to desired design outcomes, prepare construction documents, assist in permitting required by jurisdictions, and manage the projects during construction.

#### ODP Architecture and Design, Hollywood, FL — *Architect II*

July 2018- March 2020

- Participated in all design phases for a 40,000 sf office building in downtown Hollywood to service new retailers. Coordinated all other disciplines before and during permit submission.
- Produced Design Development and Construction Documents for Water Street residential project. Twenty three floors of residential unit typologies as well as 14,000 sf of amenity spaces. Assisted project managers and project designers in coordinating design consultants and engineers during permit submission.
- Designed, documented, and submitted a project proposal for a hotel in Boca Raton, FL. Presented design schemes to clients with analysis and data of potential revenue.

#### BALLINGER, Philadelphia, PA — *Architect I*

May 2017 - July 2018

- Documented project proposal designs for the Children Hospital of Philadelphia's (CHOP) new King of Prussia inpatient hospital and assisted project designer and manager to coordinate efforts with consultants during submission.
- Set-up Building Information Modeling protocols for the new CHOP project that was used for project documentation of Design Development and subsequent phases.
- Participated in Schematic Design, Design Development, and Construction Documentation of Trenton New Jersey's new Federal Taxation building project financed by, then, Senator Chris Christie.

JKRP Architects, Philadelphia, PA — *Design Project Intern*

May 2016 - August 2016

- Created and compiled pre-schematic sketches, schematic designs, and final construction documents for both multi-family and mixed use development projects.
- Worked on different project phases and attended weekly management meetings throughout the city.

DUO DÉCOR AND CONSTRUCTION, Miami, FL — *Design Project Intern*

May 2016 - August 2016

- Researched and compiled current real estate market statistics to coordinate the acquisition of properties.
- Designed and created all print and digital media used in the sales and marketing strategies.

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## EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania — *Master in Architecture*

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

September 2016 - May 2017

Penn Design | School of Architecture

University of Florida — *Bachelor of Design in Architecture*

Gainesville, Florida

September 2011 - May 2015

College of Design Construction and Planning | School of Architecture

Vicenza Institute of Architecture — *Study Abroad Program*

Vicenza, Italy

January 2015 - April 2015

Course work: Material and Methods, Design IIX, Italian, and Hand Drawing Basics

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## **PERSONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Memberships:** NCARB, AIA, Penn Alumni Association, League of Women Voters.

**Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent), Italian (conversational)

**Software:** REVIT, AutoCAD, RHINO, Vray for RHINO, BlueBeam, Adobe Suite, Google Sketch-up, InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, and Maya

**Citizenship:** Argentina and United States

**Teaching positions:** UF Design 01 and Design 02 Teacher Assistant. FAU Design 02 and 04



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## AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE QUESTIONS

1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood?

**ANSWER:** Over the past three years, I have been closely monitoring South Florida's housing stock, with a particular focus on Hollywood. After reviewing the 2022 Broward County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment published by FIU, it is clear that several key supply and demand factors are impacting the availability and production of affordable housing in our city. Since the pandemic, Hollywood has struggled to keep pace with dramatic shifts in the housing market. Investor purchases have surged, reducing the availability of homes for local buyers and long-term renters. At the same time, increasing renter demand, historically low rental vacancy rates, and skyrocketing rent prices have made it nearly impossible for working-class residents to secure stable housing. Compounding these challenges is the issue of stagnant wages. Hollywood's economy relies heavily on the tourism and service industries, yet many of the workers who sustain this critical sector can no longer afford to live in the city they serve. Without targeted policy interventions—such as incentivizing affordable housing development, implementing tenant protections, and addressing wage disparities, Hollywood risks losing the very people who keep its economy thriving.

2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? • Home Purchase Education, • Housing Market Employment. • Housing Market Stability. • Affordable Housing Construction. \* Affordable Housing Activism.

**ANSWER:** As an architect, my skill set aligns closely with **Affordable Housing Construction and Housing Market Stability**. My expertise lies in designing efficient, cost-effective building solutions that balance aesthetics with affordability. I have worked with a diverse range of clients and projects, allowing me to approach development with both financial and functional considerations in mind.

Additionally, my role as the committee chair of the Affordable Housing Committee at the League of Women Voters of Broward County has deepened my understanding of policy and advocacy efforts related to affordable housing. This experience makes Affordable Housing Activism another area of strength for me. I am passionate about ensuring that affordable housing remains a priority in our community and advocating for policies that support sustainable, inclusive development.

Given this background, I bring both technical expertise and a strong commitment to housing advocacy, making me well-suited to contribute to this committee.

3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? • Ownership Housing Affordability, • Rental Housing Affordability, • Housing Market Stability, • New Housing Construction, \* Fair Housing.

**ANSWER:** I am deeply passionate about **Rental Housing Affordability** and **Housing Market Stability**. Given the ongoing housing crisis in Hollywood and across South Florida, I have seen firsthand how rising rents, low vacancy rates, and stagnant wages have pushed many residents—especially those in essential industries—out of the housing market. Ensuring that renters have access to stable, affordable housing is critical to maintaining a thriving, inclusive community.

Additionally, as an architect focused on **New Housing Construction**, I am passionate about innovative, cost-effective building solutions that can increase the supply of affordable housing. Thoughtful design and strategic planning are key to ensuring that new development aligns with the needs of the community.

My work as committee chair of the Affordable Housing Committee at the League of Women Voters of Broward County has also reinforced my commitment to **Fair Housing**. Advocacy for equitable housing policies and protections is essential to addressing systemic barriers that prevent many residents from securing safe and affordable homes. By addressing these interconnected issues, I hope to contribute to policies that make Hollywood a more accessible and affordable place to live for all.

4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism?

**ANSWER:** As an immigrant who came to this country at a young age, I faced several obstacles in navigating systems that were often complex and difficult to access. I was fortunate to overcome many of these challenges due to certain privileges, such as education and support networks, but I recognize that these should not be prerequisites for accessing fair and clear information.

Too often, marginalized groups are blocked from understanding the housing options available to them due to unclear policies, bureaucratic barriers, and lack of outreach.

This gap in information creates unnecessary obstacles that prevent individuals and families from making informed decisions about their housing needs.

My personal experiences have motivated me to advocate for greater transparency and accessibility in housing resources. Everyone, regardless of background or circumstance, deserves to understand their rights and opportunities in order to build stable and secure lives. Through my work in affordable housing advocacy, I aim to break down these barriers and ensure that fair housing is truly equitable and accessible for all.

5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

**ANSWER:** Housing diversity is critical to Hollywood's economic health, resilience, and long-term growth. As the 2022 Broward County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment highlights, a diversified housing stock strengthens the entire county and makes Hollywood more adaptable to economic fluctuations. Currently, 93% of Broward County residents cannot afford the median sale price (\$590,000) of a single-family home, putting immense pressure on renters and limiting homeownership opportunities.

Hollywood's economy—and that of Broward County—relies heavily on service industry workers in Leisure & Hospitality, Healthcare, and Retail, as well as professionals in public institutions such as hospitals, public schools, and colleges. Without affordable housing options, these essential workers are forced to live far from their jobs, increasing commuting costs, reducing economic stability, and making it harder for businesses to attract and retain talent.

Beyond economic growth, housing diversity directly impacts educational and health outcomes. Research from Johns Hopkins University (2016) found that children in families spending around 30% of their income on housing had significantly higher math and reading test scores than those in households spending over 50%. Additionally, income insecurity—often tied to housing instability—leads to increased public costs in healthcare, emergency services, and social programs, placing further strain on local and state governments.

To ensure Hollywood's long-term economic health, we must prioritize policies that expand housing options across income levels. By investing in diverse, affordable housing, Hollywood can strengthen its workforce, improve educational outcomes, and reduce the social costs associated with housing insecurity, ultimately fostering a more sustainable and resilient economy.