

# **CHLL2020 Election Nominees**



**Kevin Starace**

Kevin Starace is a father of two (baseball + softball), a Hill neighbor since 2005, coach for the last 4 years with 1 year of CHLL Board experience. In my work life, I head Business Development & Corporate Relations for the National Wildlife Federation, after 10 years in business and government (NY, London) and the last ~15 years from Washington working across international development with a focus on Africa and innovation. It's been an honor serving this community and teaching baseball. I give it my all and hope to do it again next year.



**Seth Kaufman**

I've lived on Capitol Hill for about 20 years and work as a lawyer in the public sector. My playing experience includes five years of organized baseball as a child in Teaneck, NJ, and several baseball summer camps. As an adult, I have played in serious and not-so-serious softball leagues since the 1990s. I have two children in CHLL. My daughter played t-ball before becoming a softball player, and my son was registered to start his little league career before the pandemic. I've assisted coaches at practices, kept score, coached bases, and warmed up pitchers. My main motivation to join the CHLL board is to make sure that the softball program is represented at the board level and to help the league resume play in a safe manner.



**Lance Hayden**

I have been a Capitol Hill resident for 16 years and a baseball enthusiast my entire life. Husband to Beth, father to Vanessa and Thom (who is entering his final year of Majors), I've spent the better part of my spring and fall Saturdays on CHLL fields. I've helped coach teams for the last five years and you've probably seen me dragging fields or helping to keep your child's head from flying out during their swings.

Our family has thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the CHLL community and I hope to be able to further contribute to the organization as a board member.

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## **Lona Valmoro**

Lona has served on the Board of CHLL for the last two years, scheduling all of the DPR, DCPS and RFK Fields for both baseball and softball. In addition, she has worked with principals across Capitol Hill to increase player participation by targeting specific school communities with lower CHLL enrollment.

Lona and her husband Greg have lived on the Hill for almost 20 years. She is a proud mom to two avid baseball players, Andrew and Julia. Lona and her family are steadfast Nationals fans, having held season tickets since the first pitch at RFK in 2005. She also serves as PTA President of the Capitol Hill Cluster School and on the Board of Eastern Market Main Street.

Over the last two years, CHLL has had a significant increase in player enrollment. In addition to weekly practices and regular season games, the board has been exploring creative ways to add opportunities and increase competitiveness for our players through additional clinics, inter-league games, and hosting tournaments. Lona would like to continue to serve on the CHLL board to expand programs like these so more children on the Hill have the opportunity to learn the game and develop lifelong skills through baseball and softball.



## **David Fox**

I am the proud parent of two players, a 9 and 12 year old who have learned and developed a passion for the game through CHLL. I value the role CHLL plays as a community organization and have loved watching my boys play ball on the Hill. Over the years, I've been lucky to have coached in all of the baseball divisions, where teaching baseball and sportsmanship skills has been more fun than I could have ever dreamt. Being part of CHLL has become about building lasting friendships for myself, my children and our family.

I've had the privilege of serving on the Board the past 2 years, especially this past year where we were able to help bring awareness to and try to help so many of the wonderful small businesses who sponsor CHLL in the face of such challenging times. I'm proud of CHLL's role in being a strong friend to so many here on Capitol Hill and would be honored to have your support in continuing to grow and improve the league. Looking into the future, I hope to help the league improve our fields, the quality of play, the quality of our coaches and find additional opportunities for our players to be out on the fields more. I believe CHLL is an amazing organization that gives our children a fantastic baseball and softball experience right here in our community, and hope to play a part in moving the league forward!

