



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

2023 Annual Meeting of

*The Horse Park at Woodside*

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

This will be a virtual meeting. Please connect:

Meeting ID

[meet.google.com/wwc-npdx-ocp](https://meet.google.com/wwc-npdx-ocp)

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 [337-346-2503](tel:337-346-2503)

PIN: 356 933 738#

[More phone numbers](#)

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, YOU ARE URGED TO FILL OUT THIS PROXY SO THAT YOU MAY BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. YOU MAY:

- Save the proxy as a pdf and email it to [info@horsepark.org](mailto:info@horsepark.org); or
- Mail the proxy to The Horse Park at Woodside, P.O. Box 620010, Woodside, CA 94062; or
  - Fill in and sign the proxy, scan it, then email to [info@horsepark.org](mailto:info@horsepark.org); or
  - Drop the proxy in the drop box at The Horse Park Office.

Your proxy must be received by 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

Please enter your vote, signature, name, and date the proxy.

### AGENDA

2023 Annual Meeting of The Horse Park at Woodside

- I. Elect new members to the Board of Governors
- II. Horse Park update
- III. Open Forum

# Proxy for the 2023 Annual Meeting

## of The Horse Park at Woodside

The Annual Meeting of The Horse Park at Woodside will be held via Google Meet on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To elect three (3) Class III members to serve a first term until the 2026 Annual Meeting:  
Michele DeLuna, Gretchen Bering, Mike Smith
2. To elect one (1) Class II members to serve a second term until the 2025 Annual Meeting:  
Larick Hill
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

I appoint **Barb Eckstein** and **Eileen Morgenthaler** and each of them with full power or substitution as my lawful proxy to vote and act for me and in my name at the Annual Meeting of The Horse Park at Woodside, and at any adjournment thereof, in transacting any business as may come before said meetings to be held virtually by The Horse Park at Woodside, Woodside, California on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

### 1. **Election of Directors**

FOR the nominee(s) listed

WITHHOLD authority to vote  
for the nominee(s) listed

EXCEPTIONS\*

\*Instructions: to withhold authority for any individual nominee, mark the "Exceptions" box and print that nominee's name below:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Nominee

### Gretchen Bering

Gretchen first sat on a horse at the age of 4 and was immediately addicted. Her family moved to Woodside when she was in the first grade. This set her equestrian path in motion. It began with Woodside Junior Riders and continued with hunters, jumpers, equitation and 3-day eventing. Riding was put on hold while she attended The University of California at Irvine on a tennis scholarship, receiving her BA in Political Science with a minor in Economics. After graduating college, Gretchen moved to Los Angeles and worked in the entertainment industry acting in theater and commercials, before returning to Northern California to work in Technology. She began her career in Tech Support, and was promoted to positions as Sales Engineer, Sales Manager, Sales and Marketing Manager and Director of Sales at various companies. Gretchen was working for a startup that was sold, so she and her two friends started a recruiting company called Silicon Valley Recruiters. When she stopped working, her passion for Sport Horses resumed. Currently Gretchen competes more than 20 weeks a year doing the AO jumpers on the A circuit. She stables with Ruben Arce (Hillview Equestrian) at the Horse Park at Woodside. Gretchen lives in Menlo Park, is an avid golfer as well as equestrian. She is excited to use her expertise to help the Horse Park in the areas of Development, Fundraising and Community Outreach.

### Michele DeLuna

Michele is the President and owner of Peninsula Debris Box Service LLC. Previously, she worked as a teacher for the severely handicapped in San Mateo County in addition to raising her five children. Born and raised on the peninsula, Michele began riding at the age of 8 years old and was active with the San Mateo Horseman's Association before moving on to Eventing. She changed disciplines to Dressage while attending USC where she met her Dressage mentor, Leslie Morse. Currently, she shows in dressage at all levels in California. She has a Bachelor of Arts from The University of Southern California in Education and completed her graduate work in severely handicapped education from San Francisco State University.

Michele currently lives with her husband and five children in San Mateo. She is a board member of the San Francisco Peninsula Chapter of the California Dressage Society. In addition, she is very active with the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce and helps NCEFT with fundraising efforts.

## **Mike Smith**

Mike is a General Contractor and custom home builder. He and his wife Laura own and manage their company, Mike Smith Construction Inc. and have been building on the peninsula for over 20 years. Mike has always had a love of horses and rode quite a bit in his younger years. Currently, his two daughters have taken to the sport quite seriously and just completed their first eventing season. They can be seen frequently schooling the cross-country course at the Horse Park or riding at Webb Ranch where they board and train. Mike is a proud dad and stable hand. He currently volunteers through consulting and working on improvement projects at Webb Ranch and the Horse Park. His focus is on supporting the equestrian lifestyle, especially projects that benefit children and youth. Mike lives in Redwood City with his wife Laura and their three children.

**Returning Board of Governors:** Kristin Crosland, Barb Eckstein, Victoria Klein, Ana Kostioukova, Alexandra Lopez, Lesa Mellis, Katrina Montinola, Eileen Morgenthaler, Rob Solomon, Phillip Whalen.