

# 2020 Soulardarity Board Candidate Statements

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**Nancy Gambrill**

Residence: Highland Park

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**Why do you want to serve on the Soulardarity board?**

“To serve on The board : I want to be an asset to the community and learn more about energy democracy.”

**What skills, resources and relationships do you bring to help advance Soulardarity's mission?**

“My skills , resources and relationships in the community by being involved in different organizations involved in my church and knowledgeable of what goes on in Highland Park city Council I believe that I am a critical thinker but it takes me time to think about what I want to say.”

**What is Energy Democracy to you?**

Energy democracy is where we no longer depend on DTE, fossil fuel, gasoline and other materials or entities that affect the environment.

**What is your history with Soulardarity?**

I am an executive board member for one year and I’m also a member of Soulardarity.

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**Bryan Lewis**

Residence: Detroit

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**Why do you want to serve on the Soulardarity board?**

“I am passionate about seeing residents and communities build power and ownership over their sustainable future. Energy Democracy and the work Soulardarity has pioneered in HP is a model I’d like to see spread to other communities. I believe I have skills that can help the cause, but I also believe this would be an amazing opportunity to learn while doing great and necessary work.”

**What skills, resources and relationships do you bring to help advance Soulardarity's mission?**

In my past 5 years at EcoWorks (leading the Youth Energy Squad) I’ve built a number of relationships in and around the Metro Detroit community (and nationally). I know community members, businesses, funders, partner organizations, etc. and many of them are familiar with me. I feel I can bring an energy that is both lighthearted and focused. I have skills in fundraising, program development, and networking that I believe would be valuable.

**What is Energy Democracy to you?**

To me, energy democracy is having access to and control over the resources necessary to power our everyday life in a thriving community. We have the technology, skill, and willpower to see this happen - but powerful forces are incentivized to stand in the way. This usually leaves our most vulnerable (disproportionately black and brown people) off the decision table and on the menu.

**What is your history with Soulardarity?**

At YES, we collaborated with Jackson on multiple occasions and have taken his lessons to share with many hundreds of Detroit area students.



**Sharmaine Robinson**

Residence: Detroit

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**Why do you want to serve on the Soulardarity board?**

“I am continuing my seat as a board member because 1). I have been a member since it's inception.2). I am going to be a part of my great city moving forward and 3) I Love my city and the people in it.”

**What skills, resources and relationships do you bring to the board to help advance Soulardarity's mission?**

All my adult life I have been building bridges to make my city great again Soulidarity is one of those bridges...

**Briefly describe what Energy Democracy means to you.**

Owning it.....

**What is your history with Soulardarity?**

I have been here since it's inception.....