

Why a Residents Association? And Why Should You Become Involved?

Over the years, the Roosevelt Island Residents Association has represented the residents of Roosevelt Island in negotiations with the State of New York and other official entities. It is recognized as the official representative of Island residents. While all

residents of the Island are automatically members of the Association, those who take an active role as a Common Council Representative or Island-wide officer (President, Vice President) have a special opportunity to influence the course of events here. In the

past, RIRA actions have led to nomination elections for members of the Board of Directors of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, action to save the Tramway, and more. Your involvement is an opportunity to shape your community.

The table at right lists the Election Districts and shows the number of Council Members

Responsibilities of RIRA Officers and Common Council Members:

President: The President shall be the chief executive officer and principal spokesperson of RIRA, a voting Member of the Common Council, presiding officer of all meetings of the Council and of the Town Meeting and an ex officio member of all committees.

It shall be the responsibility of the President to co-sign with the Treasurer all checks.

Vice President: The Vice President shall supervise all RIRA elections; all communications, both internal and external, of RIRA; secretarial services that are not the responsibility of the Secretary; legal representative (in coordination with the Chairperson of the Legal Action Committee, should it exist); auditing of the finances of RIRA; membership participation and fund-raising.

To perform the responsibilities of office, the Vice President shall supervise the Nominations Committee, the Election Committee, the Auditor, and, should it exist, the Communications Committee.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall become President until the completion of the term.

Common Council Members: Council Members shall volunteer for membership in at least one Committee. Any RIRA member (any resident) that is not a Member of the Common Council may serve on any committee if approved by the Chairperson of that committee.

Alternates: In general, Alternates who attend Council meetings may speak during the deliberations, but may not vote. However, in the event that a regular Council Member is absent, the first alternate for that District may vote. If the first alternate is not available, then the second alternate may vote, and so on.

NOTE: All candidates should be prepared to attend the appropriate Candidates Night scheduled in the period Tuesday, October 26 through Thursday, October 28. Specifics to be announced.

District	Number of Council Members
546 Main Street	2
Rest of Eastwood / Roosevelt Landings	7
2 River Road	1
4 River Road	1
10, 20, 30, 40 River Road (combined)	8
Westview	3
Island House	3
Rivercross	3
Southtown buildings	9*
Octagon	5
*Current number for 2010: Number of existing units divided by 130, then rounded to the nearest seat.	