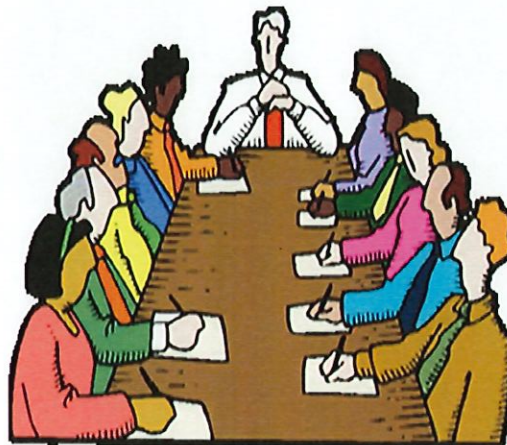


**BIG SIX TOWERS BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES
FOR THE OCTOBER 24, 2024
ANNUAL MEETING**



Attached are candidate submissions from eight (8) shareholders at Big Six Towers, Inc. for the 2024 Board election, which is being held on **Thursday, October 24, 2024** at the Annual Shareholders Meeting.

There are five (5) seats available as follows:

- Three (3) directors will be elected for a three-year term.
- Two (2) directors will be elected for a one-year term.

There are two Meet the Candidates events that will take place on:

Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 3:00PM and Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm, in the building 2 Community Room.

These are your opportunities to listen to your fellow shareholders talk about their vision of the future at your Co-op.

In this package you may review information provided by:

- 1) Daniyal Ali
- 2) Rafiqul Bhuiyan
- 3) Jonathan Bocanumenth
- 4) Barbara Collins
- 5) Israel Martinez
- 6) Peter Nowik
- 7) Phyllis Treichel
- 8) Holly Gjjivovich-VanWallendael

Please be advised that some candidates chose to submit a bio and some did not.

Daniyal Ali

September 16th, 2024

Statement about my Candidacy

Elect Daniyal Ali for Big Six Towers Board of Directors

Dear Neighbors,

As we approach the upcoming elections for the Big Six Towers Board, I would like to encourage you to vote for Daniyal Ali. Daniyal is deeply committed to serving our community and has the skills, vision, and dedication needed to help guide Big Six Towers towards a brighter future.



Why Daniyal Ali?

- 1. Community-Focused:** Daniyal has always prioritized the well-being of our neighbors. He understands the unique challenges we face and is dedicated to advocating for the needs of all residents.
- 2. Experience & Leadership:** With a strong background in communications and entrepreneurship, Daniyal brings valuable experience in leadership and strategic decision-making. His entrepreneurial mindset allows him to approach challenges with creativity and a focus on achieving results.
- 3. Goal-Oriented:** Daniyal is highly goal-oriented, always striving for practical solutions that benefit our community. His ability to set and meet objectives ensures that he will push for progress in areas that matter most to Big Six Towers residents.
- 4. Transparency & Accountability:** Daniyal believes in open communication between board members and residents. He is committed to ensuring that the decisions made by the board are in the best interest of the entire community and that all voices are heard.
- 5. Long-Term Vision:** Daniyal has a clear and strategic vision for the future of Big Six Towers. He plans to focus on maintaining affordability, enhancing safety, and fostering a strong, united community where all residents can thrive.

By voting for Daniyal Ali, you are supporting a candidate who genuinely cares about the future of Big Six Towers and is ready to take the necessary steps to make positive changes.

Let's come together to make a difference in our community. Vote for Daniyal Ali in the upcoming Big Six Towers Board Election!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Daniyal Ali

x Daniyal Ali



To my fellow Big Six Towers' shareholders:

My name is **Rafiqul Bhuiyan**. I am shareholder in Big Six Towers (BST) for 16 years. I have a dual degree in Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from Baruch College, CUNY, with Honors, in Computer Information System (CIS) and Accounting. I am honored to put forth my candidacy for the Board.

I have over 25 years of civil service experience with the New York City Employees' Retirement Systems (NYCERS). Along with that, I have 9 years of Supervisor/ Managerial experience. I am in charge of managing Loan and Refunds Unit within my current role. Throughout my career, I have completed many projects in a timely manner and within budget constraints. I made numerous decisions which have not only benefited NYCERS' staff and members, but the agency as well a whole. I served as Subjection Matter Expert (SME) in multiple projects in which I made sure all projects are built as requested and the system is functioning as expected. Furthermore, I have experience working with both internal and external audit teams to mitigate procedural inconsistency and internal irregularities.

If elected to the co-op board, my commitment to the shareholders are:

1. I will work to ensure that all voices are heard, and shareholder's opinion is included decision making process.
2. I am dedicated to open communication and transparency. I will ensure that all members are informed about board activities and decisions.
3. I will work with BST public safety team to improve security in BST surrounding areas and safety of BTS shareholders.
4. I will tirelessly work to keep BST safe, comfortable, affordable and ensure that the shareholder's money is not wasted.

I would like to urge you all to please vote in this year's board of election for the most qualified candidate who will act for the best interest BST shareholder which I have exemplified. I believe that, together, we can build a modern, safe and sustainable environment for all of us. I urge all of you vote for **Rafiqul Bhuiyan**.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Best Regards,
Rafiqul Bhuiyan
Rafiqul Bhuiyan
Building -6

Jonathan Bocanumenth

My name is Jonathan Bocanumenth and I live in Building 3. I have been living in the Big Six for over 17 years and I hope to help the co-op by continuing to serve on the board. I was previously on the Board for two terms. My goal is to contribute knowledge to help fix the infrastructure issues we currently are facing. Finding resolutions for the power plant are a main focus. I work as an operating engineer and have extensive experience working in large commercial buildings. I have been in the large building construction and maintenance field for over 20 years now, starting as a member of the Local 3 electrical union where I managed and worked on projects large and small for companies such as Vornado Realty Trust and most notably helping Brookfield change from the World Financial Center over to the new Brookfield Place. After working on the Brookfield Place I was offered an opportunity to move from Local 3 over to Local 94 as an operating engineer. As an operating engineer I now help run the day-to-day operation of a large commercial building in midtown. Among other things my job is to help make decisions on upgrading and installing new infrastructure within the building in order to keep costs down and the quality of running the building as high as can be. This is how I feel I can be of service to the co-op at this critical time as we are in the process of doing renovations to major mechanical equipment that will have an impact on how the co-op is run in the future. I live here with my wife and our two young children and plan on staying here and raising my kids here and so I would love to be able to serve the co-op by helping make sure that the infrastructure projects are completed not only in the best possible way but without sacrificing the future of the co-op.

Neighbors,

I am putting my hat in the ring to run for Board of Directors, reluctantly, as I have served on the Board in the past—well over a decade ago—and I allowed my term to expire primarily because I found that there was little interest in controlling costs at a time when they were rising at an alarming rate. I was wasting my time and it was painful to watch the business as usual approach while any ideas or proposals were ignored, brush aside or met with hostility. In the meantime, the problems have only gotten much worse. We are surrounded by scaffolding for work we cannot afford to undertake. We have a record number of empty units and too many shareholders in arrears. The latter makes me very angry, it adds burdens to us all, but we cannot pretend that both the empties and the arrears are disconnected from our rising costs—a problem that will only get worse if not addressed. Hint: raising costs further is part of the problem, it's not a long term solution.

I am running for the Board now because there is a ray of hope that the Board may finally be willing to take these issues more seriously than in the past, and I hope to assist. I know I am only one person on a Board of nine, but let me be clear about my priorities. As a board member, I see my responsibility as upholding our primary purpose, to provide affordable housing. We are not free market housing. We exist to serve a particular income band and I fear we are pricing ourselves out of our dedicated market. Whatever your views, that is the reality of where you live. What folks pay on the other side of the Boulevard is irrelevant to us. It's irresponsible to mention it as an excuse for our costs.

Cost efficiency and common sense are the remedy. For example, we are a housing company. We are not a utility company. Additionally, the fact that we needed a back-up generator to assist our primary generator clearly demonstrates that our cogeneration plant has reached the end of its useful life. The scaffolding demonstrates that we cannot afford to fix or replace that generator. We should return to the utility company as soon as possible (I suspect it would save us a lot of money over time.), and if possible, use their meters rather than adding a new cost and responsibility to ourselves through sub metering. We need to contract out fewer services, not more. There's more, but in general, we should seek to simplify and reform our operations, which have clearly grown too costly to maintain.

And pardon my adding this on the back end, but I know folks like to know and expect candidates to share. I've lived at Big Six Towers for 24 years and in that time, my wife and I have raised three children here. I like living here. It's a good location and I don't want to leave. I suspect most of you feel the same way. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Israel Martinez, Bldg. 6



My name is **Peter (Piotr) Nowik**. I've lived in the Big Six for seven years and have been a board member for the last three years. I have a wife, Ewelina, two kids, Tomek and Zosia, and a dog named Hania. I work as a real estate agent. I focus on sales and commercial leasing in Queens and Brooklyn.

Why should you give me your vote?

Let's start with savings: one of our commercial tenants had an option to renew their lease for five years **at the market price**. At the beginning of 2024, the tenant decided to execute their option by sending us a letter of intent with monthly rent offered at \$11,424.30. I provided the Board with a market report generated from costar.com (that I subscribe to

on my own through my brokerage). I stated that the offer was shallow and the market price should be much higher. The old Board didn't trust my analysis, but after hearing that a third-party agent would charge us \$5,000 for the broker's price opinion, they decided to stick with mine (at least it was free). After months of negotiations, we have settled at **\$14,534.67** monthly rent. **This deal - guided by me - has elevated our income by \$37,324.40 annually.**

I make decisions based on principles. I understand what a conflict of interest is. While working on the Board, I don't act as a real estate agent looking to make a commission, side deal, or kickback. I always ask the Board to discuss each issue and vote on each real estate deal. (It wasn't like that before. The same tenant I mentioned above had their lease extended in 2019 at a **flat rate of \$10,880.29** for five years with no escalations. No vote was taken back then, and the minutes do not mention anything about the deal. I'm writing this not to dig out dirt from the past or point fingers but to give you an example and highlight the importance of transparency.)

Transparency is the only way we can heal our budget. With open books, we can eliminate overcharging vendors and find the most affordable ones. Also, as long as nepotism and favoritism continue to damage the core of the Big Six, we will not have healthy finances. Big Six is not a family business but a housing corporation established to provide affordable (ergo efficiently managed) homes—homes managed by us, for us.

Without transparency, we will always have another version of the "Roger Stone" case. Silence is golden in someone else's pocket. We must openly discuss contracts and transactions to prevent the bleeding and find more efficient ways of managing our homes.

I'm not running to have power. I'm not interested in being President, Treasurer, or Secretary. I have a full-time job, a family of four, a dog, and limited time on this Earth. **I'm running because I care and want to support those with integrity who stand by transparency and hate nepotism and self-dealing.**

The Board has nine members, and we shouldn't allow any executive to act on his/her own without the Board's approval. This happened so often in the past that it has become a norm in the Big Six. **I'm running to change that norm and the culture around the Big Six. It should be evident to everyone that nepotism is our enemy. Nepotism and favoritism eat our maintenance and kill efficiency.** We have to stop questionable transactions or authoritarian decisions done behind the Board's and shareholders' backs.

We are going through a challenging period: post-COVID, post-Ida, with high expenses, no reserve money, and experiencing a hard push to comply with decarbonization. We are going through a period called Great Shifting, and we must ensure that our neighbors are not being pushed out of our community. Expense cuts and increases in efficiency are the only way to stop the pauperization of Big Six shareholders and evictions for non-payment of the rising maintenance.

Please don't take things for granted. You must be more engaged: run for the Board, attend board meetings, read minutes, analyze, and ask questions. **Giving your kid a credit card is easy, but you can't expect to be able to pay all the credit card bills if you don't control your child.** That's why every single one of you has to make an effort. Interview your "children". Pick and vote for responsible "kids". For honest ones. For ones with integrity. For ones that listen, read, and show critical thinking. For ones that are willing to learn and spend time for the Big Six. But never fully trust them. Control them. Ask them questions. Analyze statements. Attend meetings.

If you can be a responsible parent, why can't you be a responsible shareholder?

Peter Nowik

Dear Big Six Towers Shareholders:

My name is Phyllis Treichel and I am a shareholder in Big Six Towers, Building 5, and I am asking for your support and vote.

It's time to acknowledge and rectify the mistakes of the past. As a candidate for the Board, I am committed to addressing the pressing issues of escalating debt and steering Big Six Towers towards a more secure and prosperous future. The mounting debt we find ourselves in is a reminder that the decisions of previous boards has not yielded the desired results. If elected, I will work tirelessly to learn from these missteps, adopt a prudent financial approach and implement strategies that will help us break free from the cycle of increasing debt.

My candidacy is fueled by the belief that every shareholder's voice matters. I am committed to advocating for clear and honest updates, fostering a culture of dialogue between the board and shareholders. I have a genuine passion for the Big Six community, and I would like to see more community involvement. From what I have gathered from talking to shareholders, we all agree that change is needed, but **CHANGE STARTS WITH PARTICIPATION**. Change will come if the shareholders elect neighbors who will make better decisions.

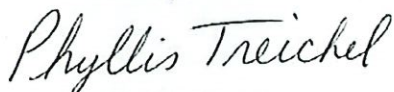
I started the Big Six Shareholders Association with the intention of empowering shareholders to fight for their rights and work together as a group. If elected to the Board, I will make sure there is a platform for open dialogue, and that the board remains accountable to the shareholders and address their concerns effectively.

While experience is valuable, a fresh perspective and a strong commitment to the community is necessary. It is not just about what a candidate can bring individually, but how they collaborate with existing board members. Embracing new voices can lead to positive change and a brighter future for Big Six Towers

WE NEED TO HAVE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY BACK AT BIG SIX TOWERS AND BE THE "JEWEL OF WOODSIDE" WE ONCE WERE.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phyllis Treichel".

Phyllis Treichel



My name is Holly Gjivovich-VanWallendael, I have been a resident & shareholder here at the Big 6 since August 2013.

Many of you may know me to chat, some may know me by face, and others by name. What is most important to know is that my sole interest is to better our quality of living here at the Big 6. My hope is to unite with the coming board and all shareholders to improve the complex from the inside out.

We have recently incurred a major maintenance increase that will continue to rise. I intend to use my experience in the field of construction management to embark on infrastructure improvements we need now. We need solutions and my goal is to work to find those solutions.

Please consider supporting me in the upcoming election. Together, we can turn Big Six Towers into a place we are all proud to call home.

Thank you for your support!