



## Springdale Park Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization

1246 Ponce de Leon Ave, Atlanta, GA 30306

[www.springdaleparkelementary.org](http://www.springdaleparkelementary.org)

### Nomination Acknowledgement & Biographical Information for PTO Board Election (2024 – 2025 School Year)

- Yes, I accept the nomination or I am self-nominating.
- Yes, I understand the PTO board volunteer requirements which include: attending monthly PTO meetings, serving for 2 consecutive school years, and devoting 4-8 hours per month of attention to various needs/events.
- Yes, I understand that the below information will be posted on SPARK's website so that voting PTO members can learn more about me.

#### Positions Nominated:

- President / Co-President
- At-Large Board Member

#### Biographical Information:

Name: Diane Holden

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#### Background/Occupation:

Our family has lived in Virginia Highland for 10 years. We love the community and are grateful to raise our three daughters (currently 7, 6, and 3) here. Professionally, I am Counsel at Paul Hastings LLP, where I have worked since graduating from law school. I provide corporate and regulatory advice to banks and "fintech" clients. My favorite tasks involve helping clients to structure products to comply with law, and negotiating partnership agreements between multiple fintech companies.

#### Special skills you will bring to the board:

After 14 years working as an attorney, and almost 8 as a mother, I am a great problem solver. I am also very organized and generally a good communicator. Planning events is probably not my strongest suit, but I am happy to help in any area, and can likely be helpful behind the scenes keeping everyone organized and on task.



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What do you see as the role of the PTO?

I see the PTO primarily as a body to support our administration, teachers, and students. The PTO takes so much off our teacher's plates so that they can focus on their most important job - teaching our children! I also think the PTO plays a critical role in building our school community by raising funds, hosting events, and setting the tone for how we all interact with one another.

What do you like about the current PTO's role at SPARK?

The PTO has done a fantastic job this year creating a "new" SPARK and integrating the Virginia Highland and Inman Park families.

What would you like to see improved for next year's PTO?

I would like to see the PTO continue to create a great sense of community, which encourages donations and volunteerism, both of which serve to make SPARK the best it can be for our teachers and children.

What committees or volunteer roles have you participated in at SPARK?

I was a room parent for my daughter's kindergarten class this year, and otherwise generally try to volunteer as much as possible.

Child/Children at SPARK for the 2024-2025 school year (please only list number of child/children and grade):

2 children - 3rd and 1st