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Newton Community Pride Strengthens Board With New Directors

Newly elected Newton Community Pride (NCP) Board Chair Gloria M. Gavris has wasted no time in building her team of community leaders to strengthen the non-profit's board of directors.

"During these challenging times for the arts and culture community, I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to lean in and help build a stronger organization to answer the call for community programming that can support our village centers, artists, and arts & culture non-profits," said Gavris.

Joining Gavris as officers of Newton Community Pride are Dinny Starr former Women's Foundation of Boston Partner Relationship Co-Manager as Vice Chair; Meryl Kessler, former Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts as Clerk; and John Zaya, Analytics Manager at Village Bank, as Treasurer.

Four new directors will join the existing nine member Board: Seana Gaherins, proprietor of Dunn Gaherins and former Board Chair of the Newton Needham Regional Chamber; Mark Jurilla, Vice President and Senior Loan Officer at Guaranteed Rate Affinity Mortgage; Emily O'Neil, Executive Director of the NewArt Center; and Damien Chaviano, Principal at MARK Development LLC.

"All of our newly elected board members have an excellent track record of leadership in our community, and I'm delighted they have chosen to become involved with Newton Community Pride providing their time, intellectual capacity, and passion for the arts to our organization and our city." added Gavris.

Former president Howard Sholkin will remain as a NCP director along with longtime Board members Tom Boyd, Barbara Darnell, Phil Dawes, and John Rice.

Newton Community Pride is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization promoting and supporting volunteerism and beautification projects and building community through arts and culture programming for all to enjoy.