

ELNA Board 2015-16 Candidate Questionnaire:

YOUR NAME: Eric Jay _____

1. From the website: The purpose of the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association is to facilitate understanding with the City of Lawrence and Douglas County; to maintain and enhance living conditions; to foster communication in East Lawrence and to maintain good relations amongst neighbors, businesses, organizations and other neighborhoods in Lawrence.
As a board member, how would you contribute to ELNA's mission? By being the best that I can be.
2. How many full ELNA meetings have you been to in the past 12 months? 10
3. Have you volunteered, donated, or attended ELNA events? If so, which? Yes, river and sidewalk cleanup, grilling at kickball and block party.
4. What kind of project(s) would you like to pursue for the neighborhood? Well-designed and built affordable housing.
5. How long have you lived in East Lawrence? Why did you move here? Lived in the hood for 2 years and owned a business here for 7.5 years. I moved here because of the history, location and eclectic nature of the place and because I enjoying living where I do most of my work.
6. What are the major issues facing East Lawrence today? Development, traffic, neighbors feeling uneasy about each other, poorly maintained sidewalks and streets, lack of trust, change, gentrification.
7. How would you characterize the essence of the neighborhood? Vibrant, funky, determined, rooted and downright beautiful
8. What other community / city boards/ groups do you belong to or attended regularly this past year? New York Elementary Site Council.