

Jake Burdett's Dorsey's Search Village Board Candidate Statement (2026-2028)

I am a 28 year old renter at Columbia Glade apartments on Columbia Road. I'm running for the Dorsey's Search Village Board because I have been trying to raise the alarm about special interest interference in the Columbia Association by private actors like Howard Hughes Corporation and hedge fund billionaire Bill Ackman for years now, which you can read more about here, <https://www.hocowatchdogs.com/guestpost-7/>. It is the Columbia Association and Village Boards who are best-positioned to watch out for and push back against such inappropriate outside influences, and make sure that the CA's \$90 million+ annual budget and resources are used for the good of the residents, rather than private pet projects.

I also want to be an advocate for renters on the Village Board, as we currently have no tenants on the Village Board, despite renters making up nearly 40% of Columbia residents.