

## 2021 APRS Board of Trustees Active Member Election

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The ballot order of candidates was determined by a random drawing.

### Shelly Holmstrom

My name is Shelly Holmstrom. I began my career with the Austin Police Department in May of 2008 and graduated from the police academy in January 2009. I worked approximately 9 years on patrol in northeast Austin and then transferred to the Violent Crimes Task Force, before promoting to detective and selected to be part of the Robbery Unit. After one year, I transferred to the Special Investigations Unit and then transferred to the Homicide Unit in February 2021.

I would like to serve on the Austin Police Retirement Board to ensure investment decisions are in the best interests of the members. Working as a police officer takes a huge physical and emotional toll on officers and their families, and I want to ensure that after serving the citizens of Austin, officers have the ability to comfortably retire. In order to accomplish this goal, we must ensure that our pension fund remains ours, and not infiltrated by outside entities. We must also ensure our pension meets the standards and assumptions we set so that the system is funded for lifetimes.

Regards,

Shelly Holmstrom

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### Christopher Salacki

Fellow Officers,

My name is Christopher Salacki and I have been an officer with the Austin Police Department for over 8 years. I am currently a Corporal assigned to the Downtown Area of Command (DTAC), working with the G600s. I graduated from Indiana State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology and I graduated from Lindenwood University (St. Charles, MO) with a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Prior to my employment with APD, I was an officer in the St. Louis area for just shy of 10 years, bringing my total years of Law Enforcement just shy of 18.

I am the current incumbent running for the officer board position. I was chosen by the Retirement Board on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 to fill the active member vacancy. As a current member of the board, I assure all of you that I have all current APD officers and retirees' best interest in mind. With the new tiered system in place, it's important to ensure the Pension Fund is sustainable for the retirees who have completed their years of service and contributed to the fund, for those who are vested and planning for retirement, for those who are not yet vested, and for those who will be under the parameters the new system under HB4368.

In closing, I will continue to be a productive member of the APRS and I am determined to work diligently to maintain the Pension Fund's strength for all members and their families for generations to come. I appreciate your time and your vote!

Respectfully,

Christopher Salacki

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