

SADDLE RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

SALLY CARPENTER – I am a dedicated community member with proven leadership experience, having served as the PTA President of our local elementary school (Olivenhain Pioneer Elementary School) for the past two years. In that role, I worked closely with both parents and staff, followed both the OPE and the California PTA bylaws, managed budgets, coordinated events, and led initiatives that left a lasting impact – such as repainting the MPR, upgrading the entire staff lounge, creating a PTA room that had never existed before, and much more.

I am running because I believe our community feels divided and disconnected. There is a noticeable lack of neighbor interaction and a sense of belonging. I want to help change that by bringing transparency, collaboration, and a more inclusive approach to our HOA. My goal is to create a neighborhood where we're proud to live – where everyone feels heard, connected, and invested.

TOM FORTNER – I am an Executive Engineering Director and Profit & Loss (P&L) manager for a Fortune 500 Company. My team performs rapid prototype development for US next-generation warfighting needs. I routinely work closely with scientists, engineers, lawyers, and contract managers to move rapidly in an environment of strict compliance.

I am old-fashioned. I believe that people make neighborhoods special, and if you are my neighbor, I have an increased responsibility to be considerate, respectful, and helpful to you. As a board member, I would bring these values, in addition to fairness, rationality, and pragmatism, while working with the HOA to maintain Saddle Ridge's appeal and value.

TRISH MESCHINO - I am writing to formally express my interest in serving on the Board of Directors for our Homeowners Association. As a dedicated resident of Saddle Ridge, I am deeply invested in the well-being, growth, and future of our community.

Having lived here for 9 years, I have grown to appreciate the unique character of our neighborhood and understand the importance of active, thoughtful governance in maintaining the quality of life we all enjoy. I believe my skills and communication, project management, and community organizing would be valuable to the board and to our residents.

In my previous residence I have served on the Ways and Means committee for the Naperville Junior Women's Club. Accomplishing our goal to raise funds for the local charitable organizations and supporting the local community services such as Family Shelter services, Safety Town, and Loaves & Fishes. I have been involved with many school and sports committees throughout my children's school years. I work remotely as an oncology nurse clinical liaison which allows me the flexibility to commit my time and energy as a board member.

My goal as a board member would be to help make informed, transparent decisions that reflect the best interests of all homeowners. I'm particularly passionate about improving community communication, enhancing property values, promoting neighborhood involvement, and ensuring fiscal responsibility.

I would welcome the opportunity to contribute my time, energy, and ideas to support our community. Please let me know if there are any additional steps required for candidacy or if you'd like to schedule a time to discuss my interest further.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Trish Meschino

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