

Dr. Philip Geiger

Village: Desert Camp-Montelena

Owner: 24 years

Prior Involvement in DC Ranch:

Previously served several terms as the NVM for the Montelena neighborhood in Desert Camp. While an NVM, I served on the multi-year community committees on standards and enforcement. I am completing my third term as a director where I have served as secretary and president. Currently I also chair the Firewise Committee and co-chair the Gate Access and Patrol Committee. This is my sixth year on the policy committee and while RA president I have tried to attend every meeting of Association's committees.



Biography:

My wife, Roseann (RN, retired) and I purchased our property in 1998 and moved into our DC Ranch home with our two daughters in 1999. We both were born and raised in NJ and in fact went to school K-12 together. My career has been a lifelong educator, having served 55 years as a school superintendent, central office administrator, teacher, principal, corporate division president for education technology and three years on Arizona Governor Jane Hull's cabinet as the director of the Arizona School Facilities Board.

I hold a doctoral degree and two masters from Teachers College, Columbia University (NY), an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and a BA from the College of New Jersey. I have also served as adjunct professor at Columbia University, several colleges in NJ and Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island.

During the three previous terms I served as a member of the DC Ranch Association Board of Directors, I feel I have contributed to thoughtful decision making, rallied for more decisions and information discussed in public session and spearheaded several projects including Firewise and policy updates. This past year, I served as Board President.

Statement of Purpose:

The Ranch Association finance and budget committee has worked hard to help create a responsible budget but this year I am hopeful that we apply a zero-based approach to budgeting that will also engage more residents in the budget discussions. We need to be sure that we find an informed balance of resident expectations and the funding available to pay for the services residents want.

Having lived at DC Ranch for most of its existence, I realize that we are now at a point where we need to address several issues to ensure the quality of life, the value of our homes and the community experience we all enjoy. Too many residents have ignored exterior property standards and violated safety standards, especially speeding. We must be vigilant about enforcing standards otherwise, our beautiful community will be hard to restore to its original pristine state in the future.

The completion of the development of the Firewise Defensible space throughout the Ranch needs to be completed this coming year and plans to maintain those areas is crucial to the safety of residents.

It has always been important to me that the Board always operates politely, judiciously, responsibly and transparently. I never want our Association to be one that is perceived as overstepping its authority or not acting in the best interests of the entire community.