

Tom LaPorte

Village: Silverleaf-Arcadia

Owner: 8 years



Prior Involvement in DC Ranch:

DC Ranch Leadership Development Program graduate
Community Council Finance Committee member

Biography:

EDUCATION

B. S. Architecture - University of Wisconsin
M.S. Structural Engineering-University of Wisconsin

PROFESSIONAL

Assistant Project Manager-Ralph M. Parsons, Los Angeles
Branch Manager-Chairman's Club - Dean Witter
Candidate for U.S. Congress, CA District 21
Branch Manager-Baker's Dozen Member- Piper Jaffrey
Branch Manager- Chairman's Council- Raymond James
On Wall Street Top 10 Branch Manager in America
Managing Director-Chairman's Council- Stifel Financial

CHAIRITABLE

Past Member Boy's and Girl's Club of Phoenix Executive Board
Past Member Blessed Sacrament Church Pastoral Council
Past Member Notre Dame Capital Campaign Committee
Past Member Notre Dame Strategic Planning Committee

PERSONAL

Married to Julianne since 1999, four children, Natalie, Christina, Tommy and Olivia.

Statement of Purpose:

With rising costs for everything and after facing a 25% increase (2X the inflation rate) in monthly dues over the last two years, we need to keep a sharp eye on expenses while maintaining high quality results for the residents of DC Ranch. After two years as an advisor to the DC Ranch Finance Committee it became apparent to me that we must do a better job of controlling costs and also managing our multi-million-dollar savings and reserve funds.

We also need more transparency in our governing process. Decisions to spend millions of dollars of our member's money should never be done in private Executive Session with no public awareness or comment. Board members should always be mindful of the fact that they are spending the money of others and act accordingly.

With the COVID pandemic behind us, all meetings should be held in public and resident's comments should never be restricted any way.

I think with my education in architecture and engineering, combined with my finance and management experience, that I would bring a unique skill set to the Board.

The safety of our families is of paramount importance and we should constantly review current systems and procedures and be on the lookout for new technologies that can enhance our efforts in this area.

Finally, our homes are most likely one of largest investments we have and we should be diligent in protecting our property values by interaction with City government and aware of material changes and developments in surrounding areas.