



2025 DC Ranch Community Council Board Call for Candidates

Overview

The Board is seeking applicants to serve on the DC Ranch Community Council Board of Directors. This is an opportunity to get involved and give back to your community. The Council Board is appointed and consists of seven volunteer members who serve staggered, three-year terms that begin on April 1.

Council Board members can serve up to two terms. Two seats are up for renewal in 2025. Both Board members are eligible to serve another term; one Board member has indicated that they will not seek a second term.

DC Ranch Community Council facilitates a connected and welcoming community that instills pride and a sense of belonging in each DC Ranch resident. The Board works collaboratively with DC Ranch's other governing entities, the Ranch Association and the Covenant Commission, to serve DC Ranch. The Board sets policy and oversees an Executive Director that is hired to carry out the direction of the Board and the governing documents. The Community Council's primary functions include:

resident engagement | fiscal stewardship | communications with residents and stakeholders | publishing Ranch News and maintaining DCRanch.com | liaison to the greater Scottsdale community | strategic planning | brand management | maintaining Community-wide standards | programming and operating Desert Camp and The Homestead Community Centers | maintaining over 50 miles of paths and trails and Market Street Park | hosting events, programs and activities for residents | oversight of DC Ranch commercial districts | developing and implementing DC Ranch's New Resident Welcome and volunteer programs | advocating on behalf of the DC Ranch Community at large

Board Director Qualifications

- Must be at least 18 years of age; at least 2/3 of directors shall be owners or residents of property subject to the Declaration in DC Ranch.
- Must have a genuine desire to serve the community at large.
- Contribute to diversity and representation of all segments, geographic and otherwise, of DC Ranch. The Board strives to have representation from all four residential villages—Country Club, Desert Camp, Desert Parks and Silverleaf.
- Bring desired expertise to the table, in areas including finance; insurance; communications; public affairs; risk management; legal expertise; strategic planning; community management; nonprofit; technology; and/or other related expertise.
- Should have expertise serving on boards and/or in large group settings; group dynamics and positive engagement skills are critical. A willingness to serve in an officer role for some portion of their term is ideal.
- Must be willing and able to learn and support DC Ranch's mission, vision, brand promise and community values.
- Must have sufficient time to dedicate to the role (attend Board meetings and work sessions, attend Council programs and events as representative of Board).

- Possess strengths include consensus building; mission-focused; involved in the community; respectful; acts with integrity; embraces the community values; thoughtful; engaged; has courage to make the right decisions; ability to engage in civil dialogue.

Areas of Focus in 2025

- Long-term financial planning and fiscal responsibility including implementation of a full, on-site Reserve study and reserve fund oversight, and prudent use of Benefit Fee revenues.
- Implementation of the strategic plan, DCR2025.
- Launch of the newly reopened Desert Camp Community Center.
- Maintenance and upkeep of existing facilities, amenities and programs.
- Weathering impact of regional growth and that development's impact on DC Ranch.
- Support of existing governance structure – through education and relationship building.
- Support efforts to enhance the sustainability of the DC Ranch community.

Board Director Commitments

- Attend Board meetings and work sessions. The Board generally meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from approx. 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.; this includes six Board meetings (open to residents) and five work sessions. The Board also has an occasional special meeting (i.e. a budget meeting in October).
- Attend a mandatory Board orientation in the spring.
- Attend a minimum of three Council sponsored programs/activities/events per year.
- Serve as Board officer (optional).
- Serve on special committee (optional).
- Review and respond to information from the Executive Director.
- Attend special occasions such as a holiday gathering or ribbon cutting (optional but encouraged).

Selection Process

Questionnaires are due January 31, 2025.

The nominating committee, consisting of three sitting Board directors (not up for term renewal) plus the Council Executive Director, will conduct interviews on February 11-12, 2025. Appointments will be made at the March 27, 2025 Board meeting, with terms to begin April 1.

A full set of the Board's duties and obligations can be found in the governing documents and governance policy posted on dcranch.com.