

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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My wife and I moved to Solstice from Virginia in June, 2023, to be close to our daughter's family, who recently moved from Denver into the Solstice community this past December. Since the outset of our move here, I have become deeply ingrained into the happenings and culture of our wonderful community, getting to know our incredible neighbors and always participating in weekly events at the Highline House. I believe we live in a special place and I'd like it to become known as the premier place to live in all of Denver.

Last year I was one of four candidates to run for the Solstice HOA Board of Directors as an at-large (resident) member. I was elected to the HOA board last March and I am running again in 2025 as I have greatly enjoyed getting to know the staff at the Highline House, the AdvanceHOA management team and so many of the residents I've encountered this past year. Being retired, I have the time and energy to devote to the board and I believe I've added to the quality of our community by listening to the desires and concerns of our community.

I'd like to expand my involvement and the knowledge I've gained from the Solstice HOA Board to the Mirabelle District Board. In addition to the mechanism by which we pay back the developer for the infrastructure of our community through the issuance of bonds, the chief responsibilities of the Mirabelle District is the maintenance of the District owned parks, walkways and trails, snow removal of District common areas and, perhaps most importantly, the architectural review board. All of our proposed home landscaping plans must acquire approval through the architectural review board. My desire to run for the Mirabelle board is in large part for what I see as the need for a clearer, more consistent and punctual level of communication from the architectural review board to the residents of Solstice. As I look around the community, I do not see such consistency and the biggest complaints I hear from my fellow residents are the rather poor communication and punctuality of submitted architectural plans, and the often confusing and frustrating approval process. I want to help make this process more open, fair, and consistent in the way reviews are coordinated and submitted plans are adhered to. Another thing I'd like to propose is a bridge over the Highline Canal at the south end of the development so as to provide a more direct path around the perimeter of our community. I'd also like to work with Chatfield Park to provide better pedestrian access from our community to the various parts of the park.

Finally, a little about myself. I am an Emeritus Professor of Hydrogeology from Virginia Tech where I spent 27 years teaching and conducting research around the world. I have authored more than 100 peer-reviewed publications. Prior to my time at Virginia Tech, I was a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey for 15 years in Nevada, working primarily on the water issues of Las Vegas. I have been happily married for the past 42 years to my wife Ingrid and have three wonderful children and seven grandchildren. I was a long-time business owner in Virginia and deeply involved in my church and community. I have a strong desire to serve and build a close-knit community that is happy and proud to be a part of the Solstice family.



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