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What do you think are the characteristics of a great Board Member?

The most important characteristic of a great GVR Board Member is to exemplify mutual respect and civil discourse, which encourages cooperation and open dialogue. Once we achieve that, the Board can then collectively focus on the challenges and issues which we are facing as a community. Also, as leaders we may often disagree, therefore we need to be objective listeners with the intent of finding solutions for the betterment of all GVR members.

What do you see as the Board's challenges?

The Board's most significant challenge is avoiding extremes on any issue and in finding the right balance for all of its members. Accomplishing that would be a huge step in uniting our community and stop the "us" vs. "them" chasm that currently exist in many of our neighborhoods. We should also have more transparent communication and conversation with the members so they feel included in the discussions.

What motivates you to do your best work?

I am most motivated by neighbors, friends and other GVR members who have voiced concerns that they are not being listened to. Many in the community are troubled by the current adversarial climate within the Board, and as servants of the community the Directors need to work effectively together as colleagues, not adversaries. It is my goal if elected, to be a moderate voice for the GVR community in reaching equitable and fair decisions for our members. All we need to do is to look at our national politics to see what happens when leaders cannot find ways to work together.

What are the two or three most critical issues facing GVR in the next 3-5 years?

1) The most important issue is where do we see Green Valley in 3-5 years and beyond; what kind of community do we want to be? Green Valley will be pulled in many different directions and it's up to us to shape the future we want. GVR needs to make sure we have a practical moderate growth plan in place.

2) We should be vigilant in how we spend the member's money. We need to continue to make sure we have sufficient reserves when we have another economic/housing downturn. We also want to ensure we are using our membership dues wisely so that we can meet the needs of all the various clubs and community interests.

Is there something the current Board is doing or not doing that you would handle differently?

Explain.

I respect all of the Directors for committing 3 years of service to GVR because they care about Green Valley. Even so, I'm sure even they would agree there is room for improvement. First and foremost, being more transparent, approachable and open with the membership, as well as each other as a whole. Which leads us back to the importance of civil discourse and mutual respect among the Board members.

Which Board committee do you have a specific interest in serving on and why?

I currently serve on the ad hoc Bylaws Committee. I find the Board Affairs Committee of interest because the CPM (Corporate Policy Manual) and Bylaws are the foundation for which overall governing policy and procedure rests.