

Grand Harbor / Harborside Property Owners,

I'm seeking a position on the Board of Directors of our POA in order to make our neighborhood a more attractive, safe and livable environment. An effective BoD is responsive to the needs of the community and willing to entertain all points of view. It should weigh the available resources against the needs of the community and reach a reasonable balance between the two. I wish to contribute my time and talents to the community. I wish to see Grand Harbor / Harborside continue to grow into one of the most desirable places to live on Lake Conroe. I wish to see a community which we all feel is headed in the right direction.

In 2007 my wife Kay, daughter Jessica and I moved to Grand Harbor from Spring, TX and have been very happy with our new community. We have made many new friends here that I daresay will be friends for life. Kay and I both grew up in Houston so our roots are here. We plan on living in Grand Harbor for the foreseeable future.

I joined ExxonMobil (Esso at the time) straight out of college in 1974 and retired in 2007 after 33 years of service. The first 17 years of my career was spent in performing drilling and completions research. Basically we developed ideas to improve the drilling process, tested them in our labs and then moved them into production in the field. Finding innovative and cost effective solutions to difficult problems were a major part of the job. After developing a talent for programming (robotics and telemetry) in the lab I moved to the fledgling computing company Exxon formed in 1991. I helped design and support Exxon's computing network for the next 6 years or so. Over the last 10 years I served as the lead network engineer for several multi-billion dollar projects in the Gulf of Mexico, Africa and Russia. This work involved specification, implementation and support of voice and data systems in these remote locations. I once again was challenged to come up with new ways of solving complex problems. I retired as a network consultant but after urging from my previous coworkers I returned as a contractor for ExxonMobil in 2008. I am currently working on similarly sized projects in Papua New Guinea, Russia and Northern Canada. Fortunately, I don't need to travel as much as I once did and all of my work is done from home these days. I am flexible as to my working hours and don't see my work as an impediment to serving on the board of the POA.

In my work I traveled extensively around the world and met and worked with people from many different cultures. I have often had to lead very diverse teams accomplishing these large projects. I've had experiences from dealing with the nuts and bolts of the drilling process all the way to the highly technical world of providing the computing services we utilize these days. These experiences have taught me to be respectful of others and to always be open to what others have to offer. It has also taught me what a wonderful place the USA really is and how unique our freedoms are.

I respectfully seek your vote to become a member of our Board of Directors.

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