

## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

### **Nasrin Dayani**

I have lived in this neighborhood since December 2019. We love this community and I would like to participate more directly in maintaining our beautiful neighborhood. After attending couple public board meetings I reached the conclusion that we truly need a change of leadership and some new faces on the board to foster a more collaborative and neighborly behavior.

I have over 30 years of industry experiences leading large scale teams budget and operation. Most importantly I know how to lead and work with teams clients and suppliers. I am currently enjoying a well deserved retirement and enjoying lovely Southern California.

My priorities as a board member will be:

- 1) Help meeting neighbors and community needs. Currently most requests are flatly ignored.
- 2) fiscal - keeping HOA fees under control.
- 3) Prioritize maintenance over costly and unnecessary redesigns. - more focus on maintenance of current landscapes and facilities rather than continuously redesigning the neighborhood landscape
- 4) collaborative and professionally run board.

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### **Leyla Fazeli Dennis**

My name is Dr. Leyla Fazeli. I have been a member of the Association since 2016. My intention in running for the board is to make sure that I connect with the community and provide the teamwork and leadership that the association needs to ensure a safe community as well as fiduciary responsibility. I am a proven successful business owner and I am well equipped to make the appropriate decisions and work with a team when necessary. It would be an honor for me to serve the community that I love and I appreciate the opportunity to serve.

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### **Deborah A. Herrera**

Hello my name is Deborah Herrera. My family and I have lived in Turtle Rock for 30 years and we have lived in Turtle Ridge for 8. We love this area for its scenic landscape, safety, security, and friendly neighbors. I am a retired schoolteacher. I retired about 3 years ago after 30 years of teaching. I have raised my 3 children here and would like to give back to this community I love so much: To keep and improve its quality now and for the future.

### **Amit Kothari**

I have been an Owner for almost 9 years. Prior to this home, my family and I were at Arborel Chantory (just below this community) for 10 years where I served as President of the Board for 2 years and served a total of 3 years. I have been the CFO and COO of public and private companies. I have served on not-for-profit boards and have been on advisory boards for corporations. Most recently, I was President of the Board of a local chapter of a global non-for-profit called Entrepreneurs' Organization. I hold a Masters in Business from UCLA and received my undergraduate from UC Berkeley. My vision for running any organization is long-term value, including this Board. That will conflict with some Members' short-term desires (when they want something they are intent on). I have been successful leading with a long-term vision everyone understands, with some flexibility to listening to the community needs (not only an individual Member's needs). That is the root of most Association issues, the conflict between an Individual Member Wants and the Community Needs. Through debate and candor, all issues can be resolved, and the key as neighbors is to do it amicably. A wonderful standard of decorum would be achieved if Members respect that Board Members provide their volunteer time, and Board Members listen well and are transparent in how they make choices. I have sporadically attended The Summit Board meetings over the 9 years. If you don't vote for me, I hope you will vote for those Applicants who aspire to the aforementioned values. I also encourage more Members to do more roles for 2 reasons. One reason being it lightens the load for all. Second reason, a balanced load will encourage more participation over time that is experienced in the Board's function. That is only good for the Community. Final point, we do need Members who have governance experience in order to maintain more efficiency in meeting administration. Boring point, but critical to the healthy functioning of the Community.

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### Olga Poletaeva

As an original homeowner of Turtle Ridge, I have been fortunate to raise my three children in such a beautiful community. Our association is located on the best land in Irvine with green belts and great views that have completely disappeared in many areas, negatively impacting the property value. One of our common homeowner's interests is to properly maintain our community to enjoy our daily walks within our parks and increase our houses' value. Our elected Board members should allocate their personal time and expertise to take care of a lot of community important things, and last year I made a choice to dedicate my efforts to improve our community and interaction with the Board, based on my principles, values, and a clear commitment to working with competent professionals and honest service providers only. It was a real challenge and frankly, I didn't expect the spectrum and sort of issues and overwhelming volume of problems volunteer Board members and homeowners were facing on a daily basis.

Today, after all last year's tough rides I feel confident to manage and address community matters of various nature in a timely and effective manner. My civil engineering degree, professional management experience, and designer knowledge have helped me negotiate and save tens of thousands for our community and avoid a lot of unnecessary and unexpected expenses related to maintenance and landscaping.

I'm focused on creating attractive landscaping throughout the community and restoring great views that are not only appealing to the residents but also raise the home value and make the neighborhood more desirable to prospective buyers. Our proactive decision to immediately trim and take care of the overgrown trees has addressed several issues: to prevent potential danger and the risk of falling, and at the same time helped keep the privacy for the bottom slope homes and open up the view from above.

There are many ideas and intentions on how to further benefit our community and homeowners. I developed and shared those plans with homeowners and Board members who recently appreciated my contribution as a DRC chair to substantially reduce a huge backlog of homeowners' applications for house remodeling, tree trimming, and removal applications submitted a long time ago. I believe that in the past months since I became a President, we were able to demonstrate and implement many positive changes, but there is still a lot of work ahead (parks, green belts, and slopes, getting ready community facilities for summer, working with IRWD to increase water budget by irrigation meter acreage change, reducing the turf, reviewing STR land maintenance responsibility to pass it to the appropriate parties, etc). All this should better balance our financial budget and bring our community to the level that its homeowners deserve and pay for.

I am confident and I know how to function productively on the Board with your support and involvement.