

# DESERT HORIZONS OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## Notification of Self-Nomination for 2026 Board of Directors and Submission of Self-Nomination Statement and Candidate Statement Deadline for

**Submission: December 31, 2025, by 4 PM**

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In accordance with California Civil Code Section 5105(a)(3), any member of the Association may submit to the Association a written statement nominating himself/herself for election to the Board of Directors ("Self-Nomination Statement"). If you wish to self-nominate, you must do so by signing the Self-Nomination Statement below, completing and signing the Candidate Statement (enclosed) and returning both to the Association via hand delivery or mail to: DHOA 44900 Desert Horizons Drive, Indian Wells, CA 92210 or email to: [jsotomonte@deserthorizons.org](mailto:jsotomonte@deserthorizons.org). Please be further advised that only those Members who meet the eligibility/qualification requirements identified in Section 5 of the Election Operating Rules, Rev. 12/23/19 shall be entitled to run for the Board of Directors. Nominations may be submitted in accordance with Section 5. of the Election Operating Rules, Rev. 12/23/19, which provide:

- a. Candidates must be Members of the Association. Any Member that is not a natural person (such as a corporate Member or trust) may appoint a natural person to be a candidate on its behalf. b. Only one Owner per Lot shall be eligible to serve on the Board at any time.
- c. Candidates must not be delinquent in the payment of any regular or special assessments, with the exception of Owners who have entered into a valid payment plan with the Association.
- d. Candidates must have held membership in the Association for at least one (1) year prior to the date of the election.
- e. Candidates must not have been convicted of a crime that would prevent the Association from obtaining or maintaining fidelity bond coverage required by Civil Code Section 5806.

Any potential candidate has a right to participate in Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR) with the Association if the potential candidate is subject to disqualification. (Civ. Code §5105 (e))

There are three openings on the board in 2026, each term is for three years and attendance is required at regularly scheduled Board meetings and at specially called meetings.

### SELF-NOMINATION STATEMENT

I, **Mark Bonebrake**, hereby wish to nominate myself as a nominee for the 2026 Election for the DHOA Board of Directors. I further believe that I am a member in good standing as that term is defined in the Association's Election Operating Rules. I hereby declare that all my statements contained in this Self- Nomination Statement are true and correct. I further acknowledge and agree that the information provided within my Candidate Statement (concurrently submitted with this Self-Nomination Statement), may be printed as submitted for use on all election materials and resident mailings.

Dated: **December 29, 2025**

Signature: 

**DESERT HORIZONS OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
SELF-NOMINATION CANDIDATE INTEREST FORM**



**FROM: Mark Bonebrake**  
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**Please tell us why you would like to serve on the DHCC HOA Board of Director**

In my 40+ year professional career (city planner, research consultant, research director, small business owner) I have been drawn to positions that require leadership, cooperation, and problem-solving skills. I would like to use these skills in concert with my 6 years-experience as board member, to continue serving the Desert Horizons community.

Marilyn and I purchased our Desert Horizons home in 2017 and moved here permanently in 2018. We have found Desert Horizons to be a wonderful community. Its greatest asset are the friendly, active people who call Desert Horizons home; its' greatest liability was, and continues to be an aging infrastructure. The challenge is balancing the cost of repairing and maintaining an aging infrastructure while controlling HOA dues. Maintaining a beautiful community is both a cost and investment. Money well-spent will come back to each of us in the form of higher property values and a more desirable community.

**What experience do you have that you feel will be a benefit to serving you community?**

When I became Chair of the Maintenance Committee in 2020 (other members were Jon Rombough and Peter Bohn) our first act was to undertake a comprehensive review of infrastructure – streets, roofs, pools, and painted exteriors of homes. We then established goals and took actions resulting in the improved community infrastructure we see today.

- Streets – created a 5-year plan to repave and maintain streets with an ongoing maintenance program so that street quality will not deteriorate to past levels. All Desert Horizons streets have now been repaved with higher quality materials than previously used, and at a savings of over \$1,000,000 when compared to past costs - demonstrating quality results can be achieved at a better price when committees work with Management.
- Roofs – changed from a roof replacement to a roof maintenance approach of roof management. Maintenance is far less expensive than replacement. Extending roof life has resulted in less frequent and less expensive roof replacement. The Maintenance Committee also researched and then recommended to Management a new roof vendor (BRS) to replace Al Miller, a vendor who's workmanship had received many complaints over many years.
- Pools – initiated a detailed assessment of pool conditions at all 20 pools in 2020. Based upon pool usage and repair costs, the committee recommended 10 pools for major repairs. The Board approved the recommendation and all 10 pools were repaired at an average cost of \$22,000. This compares to an estimated average repair cost of \$78,000 requested by previous management, saving the community \$56,000 per pool.
- Painting – created a painting plan and moved from an in-house painting program to using an outside vendor at significant savings to the community. All Desert Horizons will have been painted by the end of 2026.

In addition to chairing the Maintenance Committee, I also served as Vice-President of the Renewal Committee and pushed for moving the Fitness Center from its planned location at the HOA office to the Clubhouse. This not only saved money, but made the Clubhouse the hub of sports and social activities.

**The Future**

Hiring a new general manager has resulted in significant improvement to the club experience, especially in the dining room and bar. And this year there will be more events than ever appealing to a wide variety of interests. We have a new community manager and staff that is more responsive to owners. Now we must build upon these improvements.

Looking forward, it is critical our community makes strategic investments in facilities and people to create a community that all owners can enjoy and be proud to live in. This means developing a long-range facilities plan, matched with reserves, that focuses on maintaining our infrastructure. Just as important, this means investing in ongoing training for



management and staff to improve the member experience and to make sure that we, as owners, receive the best value for our dollar.

A thriving and financially stable golf membership is also vital to Desert Horizons future success. This means significantly increasing full golf membership by attracting new members from both inside and outside Desert Horizons. Similarly, adding social members from outside Desert Horizons will increase recurring social dues at little additional cost.

Last year Club Benchmarking conducted a survey of Desert Horizons owners. While there were some positive findings, especially for golf, pickleball and fitness, satisfaction with the Board of Directors can only be described as dismal – especially in the areas of financial oversight, transparency, and being representative of the community. Of all the clubs surveyed nationally by Club Benchmarking, our Desert Horizons Board ranked dead last.

Although I did not support these actions, a Board majority responded to these survey results by:

- Decreasing the number of Board meetings, resulting in less timely information (current financial data, for example) being provided to owners.
- Decreasing the number of committees, resulting in less community involvement and representation.
- Decreasing the number of Board members on committees, resulting in fewer Directors making decisions for the entire community.

To restore trust in the Board, and increase community involvement and Board oversight, these actions should be reconsidered.

#### **Other Experience**

My first professional position was Associate Planner Hillsboro, Oregon. In that position I wrote the City's first comprehensive land-use plan – melding public comment and state law requirements into a document guiding future City growth and development for the next 20 years. I also reviewed all land-use and building plans submitted to the City.

After receiving my Master's degree, I first became a market research consultant and then market research director for a TV station in Portland, OR. I created research to identify customer's needs and then utilizing the data, developed effective solutions.

For 27 years I was the owner and president of a small food company I founded in 1995. Operating a small business requires not only identifying and offering products that consumers value, but also keeping a close eye on finances, especially expenses. Working *cooperatively* with both vendors and customers is crucial for success.

**Board/Committee Experience:** Current Board member. Past Chair Maintenance and Security Committees, Renewal Committee Vice-President, Chair of 2020-21 Ad Hoc Pool Committee, Past Member Architecture Committee

**Education:** BS with honors Economics University of Oregon, MA Economics Washington University St. Louis

Are you able to spend up to 12 to 30 hours per month working for your Association? ☒ Yes ☐ No Would you be able to attend a meeting during the summer months? ☒ Yes ☐ No



Signature

**December 29, 2025**

Date