

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

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WORK BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE: I am a native of Chesapeake, Virginia. I graduated *magna cum laude* from Old Dominion University in 1993 and from law school at the College of William & Mary in 1997. I worked my way through school as a bookkeeper at my family's construction business. In that capacity, I managed the accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, taxes, and insurance aspects of the corporation. For the past twelve years, I have worked as an attorney at a Richmond-based firm where my practice focuses on commercial and product liability litigation. Many of the skills and attributes required in my profession, including researching, analyzing, logical reasoning, respect for the law, diplomacy, negotiating, effective writing and oral communication, would guide me in my capacity as a Director.

I am also an alumnus of the Leadership Hampton Roads (LHR) class of 2003. The mission of LHR is to build and strengthen regional leadership by instruction, training and honest examination of the social, economic, political and educational needs within the community. This experience will likewise support me in performing my duties if elected as a Director.

PRESENT AND PAST LMOA PARTICIPATION: As a property owner, I have attended and spoken before the LMOA Board. It is through my attendance at these meetings that my interest in board service developed.

OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: I am a member of Parents At Lake Monticello, a group which I appreciate for the strength and family centered focus it brings to our community. I, along with my family, attend a local church where I serve on the worship ministry team. I am the classroom parent (aka homeroom mother) for my daughter's second grade class. Of course, our family also enjoys the many amenities that LM offers, including the lake, beaches, golf course, pool, tennis courts and playgrounds.

WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE AND DUTIES OF THE LMOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS? Directors of LMOA answer and are accountable to the property owners. LMOA is not just an owners' association; it is a corporation with a \$5M annual budget. LMOA employs 41 full-time staff and maintains its own police force. Among other things, it is responsible for the maintenance of LM roads and buildings, for the upkeep of common areas and for the management of numerous amenities. A Director is elected to represent the property owners in the managerial oversight of the corporation. In this regard, a Director owes fiduciary duties to the association, including a duty of care, a duty of loyalty and a duty to act within the scope of authority. Simply put, Directors have an obligation to the property owners to act for LMOA's benefit only and with an eye to its best interests regardless of personal interest.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE LMOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS? LM is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. My husband and I moved here with our two now school-age children because of all that LM has to offer. I would like to give back to this community and believe that representing the property owners in service on the Board is something I have the skill set and temperament to do. Like many previous Directors, I am certain that I can find a balance between home and work while still serving my community. I also believe that representation on the Board that reflects the make-up of our community benefits the entire association. The demographics of Lake Monticello have changed dramatically from its beginnings as primarily a resort community of weekend-residents to the diverse, year-round community it is today. We are at various stages of our lives, come from different backgrounds with distinct interests and possess wide-ranging expectations about what we want from our association. I believe that it is vitally important to this community that those divergent priorities be heard.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH FOR THE COMMUNITY WHILE SERVING ON THE BOARD? The President Emeritus of Notre Dame Theodore Hesburgh is attributed with the quote, "[t]he very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet." My vision for LM is first and foremost an open and collaborative one in which all points of view are appreciated. I can't promise that I will always agree with you, but I can promise that I will listen to your point of view in an attentive and respectful manner. I would also like to see improved communication between the Board and the property owners, including an open and transparent management of the association. Second, we must more effectively utilize one of our most valuable resources - our people. The Board simply cannot do this alone. We need to rebuild a strong committee structure. Finally, we as a nation, as a community, and as individuals are all facing uncertain economic times. Now is the time for responsible spending within a documented plan to maintain our amenities, property values and quality of life. This means leading LMOA as we make difficult choices in prioritizing expenditures for the betterment of the community as whole.

IF ELECTED TO THE BOARD, ARE YOU WILLING TO KEEP THE CONFIDENCE OF THE BOARD RELATING TO ISSUES OF CONFIDENTIALITY IF AND WHEN NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE ASSOCIATION? Yes

Understanding that effective communication with the membership is not only a Director's duty but also one of LMOA's strategic goals, I will be guided by the Virginia Property Owners' Association Act. I will fully support transparency in the association.

DO YOU HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT MAY BE RELATIVE TO THE ASSOCIATION? No

SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR REQUIRES A SIGNIFICANT TIME COMMITMENT. ARE YOU WILLING AND ABLE TO MAKE THIS COMMITMENT? Yes