

# 2025 SRCA Board of Directors Candidate: Jose A. Montano

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## **EDUCATION:**

- ASU Law School graduate
- Real Estate Academy

## **EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS:**

- I have been a Director for two years with Las Palomas Home Owners Association in Rocky Point Mexico.

## **INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

- I would love to volunteer my time to enhance the beauty of our community.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

I have practiced law for 22 years and still in good standing. Bilingual (Spanish-English)

# 2025 SRCA Board of Directors Candidate: David Specht

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## **EDUCATION:**

BS Psychology, Western Illinois University

## **EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Heritage Village IV- Resident since 2015, Board of Directors-5 years, including 3 years+ as Treasurer.
- Scottsdale Ranch Community Association- Board of Directors- 2023 & 2024.
- VP of Medicare Services, CVS/Caremark- Retired 2014
- Past member of the Scottsdale Coalition of Homeowners Associations (SCOHA)

## **INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

As an established community, I believe the primary goals of the Board of Directors are to maintain the infrastructure and appeal of Scottsdale Ranch while protecting its financial stability and property values.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Originally from the Chicago area, Dave and his wife Kathie have lived in Arizona for 35 years, moving to Scottsdale Ranch in 2015. Dave has participated in numerous HOA training programs offered by SRCA & the City of Scottsdale. As a member of the Board for Heritage Village IV, Dave participated in several key community improvement projects including street renovation and revisions to the HOA's governing documents.

# 2025 SRCA Board of Directors Candidate: Michael Breslin

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## **EDUCATION:**

Accounting/Finance BBA from Pace University, N.Y.C., 1960  
Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Fordham University School of Law, 1965

## **EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS:**

I have served on the SRCA board for 10 years, three of which I held the office of President. During my current 2-year term, I have served in the capacity of Treasurer and Chair of the Financial Committee. During my tenure I was fortunate to have served on the following committees: Executive, Finance, Personnel, Architectural, Election, Community Leadership, and Lake. If I am fortunate enough to be re-elected to the Board, I shall consider this to be a continuum of one of life's true gifts.

- Current member of the Board of Las Brisas (SRCA Sub-Association) for 12 years, ten as President.
- Past Board Member of Executives Club of Chicago.
- Vice Chair of Human Resources and Law Worldwide at Leo Burnett Co. Inc., Chicago, IL., 1966-1998

## **INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

Should I be re-elected to the SRCA Board of Directors, my goal is to continue to be an active participant with SRCA, in evaluating proposed governmental and corporate actions that could adversely affect our residents and opposing those that are deemed to have an adverse impact on our residents. I would continue to be a participant with other board members, in developing a long-range plan to keep

SRCA current and refreshed as we move into an increasingly competitive environment.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

I would also like my fellow neighbors, the voters, to consider the fact that I have proven legal, financial and leadership skills that I would like to continue to use to help SRCA to move seamlessly into the future. During my professional career, I learned how to deal effectively with everyone in our organization, employees, management, clients, suppliers, and national and local government officials. The skills learned along the way will continue to prove to be an asset to SRCA. I love SRCA and serving on the Board of Directors has truly been a joy.

# 2025 SRCA Board of Directors Candidate: Peter Klausner

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## **EDUCATION:**

Bachelor of Science magna Cum laude in Business Administration, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona 1984.

## **EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS:**

I am a 20-year Ranch resident, am actively engaged in the community, and as a previous SRCA board member (non-incumbent), I have a solid understanding of the HOA's rules, processes and objectives. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree, magna cum laude, from ASU and recently retired as Director of Emerging Business Technology at the United States Postal Service. (If you ever get a QR code with "USPS Label Broker" on it, that was me.) I will bring both leadership & financial management experience to the board along with strong communication and conflict resolution skills... but mostly, I will bring a commitment to the community and a desire to contribute.

## **INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

My goal is straight-forward: I want to join the board to actively contribute to the betterment of our community. I believe that by participating in the decision making, I can address concerns, enhance neighborhood engagement, and ensure our community remains the safe, welcoming, and enjoyable community we have all come to love. As to issues facing the Ranch, they are not unlike those facing any HOA: economics & growth. For us, the latter will be of particular significance due to the ongoing development along the 101 corridor & 90th St. To mitigate the impact of this expansion, I believe the board will need to address traffic, noise & light pollution.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

I am currently involved in a volunteer sub-committee to streamline & improve the lighting section of our Architectural Guidelines. And if you are enjoying these candidate questionnaires, it is worth noting that they were designed and implemented during my previous tenure on the board. We implemented these, along with term limits, to ensure the fair participation and representation of the community, and with your help, I look forward to representing you again.

# 2025 SRCA Board of Directors Candidate: Michele Holzman

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## **EDUCATION:**

BS Education: Speech Pathology  
MS Business

## **EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS:**

I have previously served on the Arrowhead HOA Architectural Committee for 4 years as well as the SRCA Architectural Committee for 6 years (3 as Chair). I have been a Board Member of SRCA for 6 years until the required year off the Board the past year.

## **INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

Scottsdale Ranch is starting to show its age, and I am committed to help the Ranch rejuvenate & modernize in order to increase property values.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

My special interests on the Architectural Committee include chairing the ad hoc committee to recommend new guidelines for residents using string lights (Edison Lights) on their property. I also initiated and completed the Modernization Plan for Scottsdale Ranch.

While on the Board of Directors, I was on the ad hoc committee to recommend revamping the street monuments. Hopefully, new Monuments will be started and completed in 2025!

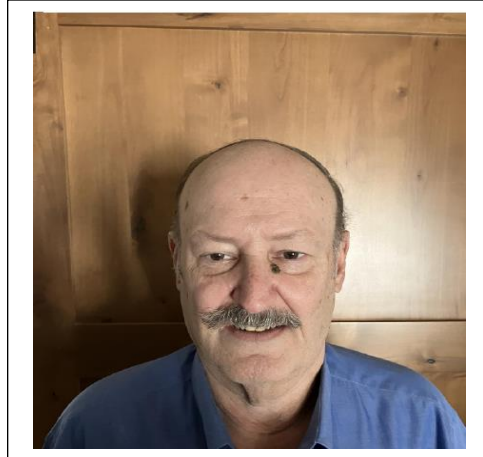
My Master's Degree in Business Administration, being Executive Vice President for a national healthcare company and owning a small business gives me added advantages to implement fiscally sound advice on the Scottsdale Board of Directors.

My experience as Chair of the Architectural Committee as well as six years on the Board of Directors gives me the experience and historical perspective needed to help protect the value and quality of life at the Ranch.



# 2025 SRCA Board of Directors Candidate: Larry Schmalz

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## **EDUCATION:**

Bachelor of Administration with a major in Petroleum Land Management.

## **EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS:**

- I have lived in Scottsdale Ranch for over 28 years. I have participated directly by being a SRCA Board Member for the past 4 years and a member of the Lake Committee for over 20 years. As a Board Member I have chaired the Lake and Governmental Committees and served on the Finance, Personnel and Communication Committees.
- I have been employed by the City of Tempe's Planning, Economic Development and Community Health and Human Services Departments for over 28 years. This has allowed me to interface with City Council members and planning department personnel regarding zoning and land value issues. It has also made me well-informed regarding regulations around open meeting law compliance and appreciate the value of openness and transparency.
- I was a certified real estate appraiser for over 30 years. This has provided me with knowledge about factors that help protect or improve property values, one of the key goals of the HOA.

## **INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

- My experience has taught me the value of active participation. I would like to continue to serve on the Board of Directors and continue the efforts already underway by the current and past boards and our able staff to

maintain and improve the quality of life and property values in Scottsdale Ranch. This includes maintaining the fiscal health and physical assets of our community.

- I am an avid fisherman, and thus I appreciate more than many the value our wonderful Lake Serena brings to our residents.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

- I have a wife and grown daughter and live in the Mirador neighborhood.
- I am also a member of the North Bible Church.

# 2025 SRCA Board of Directors Candidate: Robert Michael (Mike) Thorlin

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## **EDUCATION:**

- Defense Institute for Security Cooperation Studies, International Program Management (Cert), Dayton OH
- United States Naval Postgraduate School, Master of Science, Systems Engineering, Monterey, CA
- University of Arizona, Bachelor of Science, Systems Engineering, Tucson AZ

## **EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Thirty-two years of engineering, project management and business development experience.
- Twenty-six years of military experience, from enlisted (Private) through senior officer (Lieutenant Colonel).
- Highly developed influence management skills, keen ability to determine paths of least resistance in solving problems and advancing projects.
- Recent experiences within the international/diplomatic space honed my interpersonal skills.

## **INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

- Preventing HOA over-reach in the execution of its necessary duties. that emphasizes consistency, uniformity, and the creation of a beautiful neighborhood.

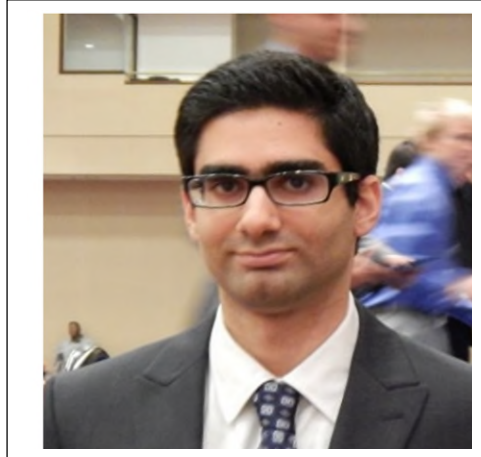
- Preserving and improving the quality of life within the Scottsdale Ranch Community.
- Managing the evolution and development of the Scottsdale Ranch “character” while avoiding stagnation.
- Financial responsibility-putting our dues to the most effective use to maintain and improve SRCA.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

My wife Mayra and I are 19-year residents of Scottsdale Ranch, we fully appreciate all the benefits of living in this community. Over time, I have come to recognize that active participation by residents is key to preserving the quality of life that we have enjoyed here and wish to take an active role in that endeavor.

# 2025 SRCA Board of Directors Candidate: Samaun (Sam) Nili

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## **EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, University of Florida, Class of 2019  
Research Aerospace Engineer at NASA, 2019-2022  
Research and Development Engineer at Intel, 2022-Current

## **EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS:**

I hold a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Florida, graduated in 2019. Following my academic achievements, I have had the privilege of working at NASA and currently at Intel. Alongside my professional endeavors, I have several years of experience volunteering and organizing scientific communities. My commitment to community service reflects the values that make Scottsdale Ranch unique.

## **INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

I am impressed by Scottsdale Ranch's unique leadership team and collaborative culture. I believe these qualities will enable me to apply my skills effectively, fostering a better Scottsdale Ranch Community. I am committed to adopting a long-term vision that emphasizes consistency, uniformity, and the creation of a beautiful neighborhood.

I value community engagement and believe in the importance of incorporating the knowledge of outside experts and specialists. By encouraging collaboration and leveraging the expertise within our community, we can address challenges effectively and plan for a sustainable future.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

I am excited about the prospect of contributing to the Scottsdale Ranch HOA Board. My academic and engineering background, experience at NASA and Intel, and commitment to community service uniquely position me to serve our neighborhood effectively. I look forward to working collaboratively with fellow board members and residents to ensure the continued success and growth of Scottsdale Ranch.

I am eager to bring my skills and dedication to our HOA, contributing to the ongoing improvement of our wonderful community.