

Rich (Nick) Nichols

Work/Education Background:

- Bachelor of Arts, major in Psychology/Sociology, University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- 31 years experience in law enforcement with U. S. Customs Service
 - Criminal Investigator/Pilot
 - Customs Patrol Officer
 - Customs Security Officer (Sky Marshall)

Professional Licenses:

- Airline Transport Pilot/Multi-Engine
- Type Rated Cessna 550 (heavy jet rating)
- Commercial Rating in multi engine, fixed wing, and helicopter
- Almost 8,000 hours combined flight time

Family:

- Wife Betty
- One 49 year old son who is a physicist in Dallas

Residency:

My wife Betty and I built our home on Windmill Circle in 1986. Betty is a licensed designer and she designed and acted as general contractor for our "forever" home in Fair Oaks Ranch.

Civic Involvement:

Betty and I have always had some level of involvement in all the communities in which we have lived. My involvement in Fair Oaks Ranch stepped up tremendously about five years ago when I became concerned about the risks of unmanaged growth in our city. I engaged with a number of other citizens to deal with an ill-advised and poorly done Development Agreement on the north side of our city.

Subsequently, I became involved in the electoral process and campaigned actively to elect city council members who were interested in increasing transparency, responsibly managing growth, and protecting our quality of life. I have continued this involvement through several election campaigns and am pleased that we now have in place a city council that is managing growth and maintaining transparency.

One critical step in managing growth was moving our city from being a General Law city to a Home Rule Chartered city. I served as the Chairman of the citizen committee that wrote our Home Rule Charter and took it to the citizens for approval. I was very pleased that the citizens voted the Charter in with a landslide.

FORHA plays a vital role in maintaining our quality of life in the city. I am just as concerned about proper governance of FORHA as I am about the governance of the city. The By Laws for the Association are just as important for FORHA as our City Charter is for the city government. I am offering my experience in creating a governance document to help ensure that your Board has the right tools in place to properly manage the Association.