

2022 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

RENE GALLEGOS

Community Leadership and Service

Rene Gallegos is seeking his second term on the FORHA Board. Rene is currently serving as President of FORHA, and has been on the FORHA Board since 2020

Military Veteran and Member of the Fair Oaks Ranch Family

Rene was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, and served in the United States Air Force for 10 years as a Firefighter. For the past 8-years, he and his family have lived in Deer Meadow Estates and remain actively involved with many aspects of the Fair Oaks Ranch community and Boerne Independent School District where their children attend. Rene, his wife Nicole, and their three children, Ella Gallegos, Aviana Gallegos, and Rene Gallegos Jr appreciate living in Fair Oaks Ranch and cannot think of a better place to raise their family, along with their four-legged family members.

Business and Leadership Expertise

Rene has been in the Pharmaceutical and Medical device industry for 23 years, and for 13 of those 23 years, he is the VP and founder of his own company, Helas, Inc., a clinical research consulting company he and his wife, Nicole, own. He is also the proud owner of a bed and breakfast in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Giving Back and Paying it Forward

As an accomplished leader in the community and business, he has been blessed to manage all from his home office in Fair Oaks Ranch. Rene is a UTSA alumni where he graduated with his Bachelor's degree. He continues to give back to UTSA in supporting the athletic booster club, and the UTSA Alumni Association.

DANA KRONE

My name is Dana Krone. My wife and I have lived in Fair Oaks Ranch twice, once from 1989 to 1993 and, most recently, from 2007 to the present, both periods in Raintree Woods. We are retired and have a 14-year-old, a Freshman at Champion.

I spent 23 years with AT&T before retiring and then 10 years with SAIC, retiring there as well. I spent my early years in technical pre-sales roles and then moved on to various leadership roles which included contract analysis, development and negotiation. At SAIC I lead the negotiating teams for large IT outsourcing contracts in the commercial and State and Local government sector. I have a B.S. in Management, an MBA with a focus on Finance and Macroeconomics, and postgraduate work in research design and statistical analysis.

Having lived in Fair Oaks Ranch for 18 years I did not worry about FORHA too much as, for most of that period, the annual assessments stayed at a modest \$50. When it bumped up to \$75 seven or eight years ago, it seemed a reasonable adjustment. However, in 2018, when FORHA proposed to double the assessments, I began to pay much more attention. It became clear that the Board was moving away from some basic tenets that had governed the Board for many years. Those include limiting assessment increases to essentials, avoiding actions that may be contrary to State law or the Bylaws, protection of Members' rights, and, above all, extreme transparency to the Membership. I believe those tenets are shared by most, if not all, of the FORHA Members.

I ask for the opportunity to contribute to those tenets as a Director of your FORHA Board. I humbly ask for your vote.

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DEE ANNA (DEDIE) MANITZAS

I was selected by the FORHA Board to fill an unexpired Board position in 2021. I am now seeking the privilege of serving our community as a director in a three-year term.

My FORHA role for 2022 has been leading a group of volunteers as the Communications Director. Our efforts have resulted in a dramatic increase in volunteerism and community participation. Hundreds of residents have participated in the events we planned and delivered. Specific accomplishments include:

- a. Increasing the number of participants in the Communication Committee.
- b. Working with Jan DiCianni to develop a very professional FORHA newsletter.
- c. Leading the effort with the City and other FORHA members to re-invigorate the Peace Tree area in front of the fire station and make it a focal point to bring the community together.
- d. Re-orienting FORHA's annual Peace Tree lighting as a celebration of Veterans Day and as a beginning for the Christmas season.
- e. Expanding the use of the Peace Tree to include celebrating Memorial Day, 4th of July, and September 11th to honor our heroes and our country.
- f. Enhancing the sense of community by including our police department in the celebrations and soliciting Rotary Club volunteers to help.
- g. Orchestrating FORHA's First Easter Egg hunt at Vestal Park in collaboration with the Cibolo Creek Community Church.
- h. Delivering two successful special outdoor park events at Boots Park: a Classic Car Event and an Outdoor Concert.
- i. Participating and supporting the Adopt-A-Highway program quarterly and leading the FORHA Santa visits.

Serving my neighborhood on a homeowners board and serving citywide activities like decorating the City campus, has been my passion since retiring from my 40-year education career. Please allow me to continue this service by voting for me as your FORHA Board member.

JOHN PRIETO

John Prieto's professional experience is rooted in the technology industry, with his most recent experience as a senior consultant in a firm under the parent company Google.

Prior to entering consulting in 2019, John served as an information security analyst at USAA and cyber warfare operator in the United States Air Force. John served in the armed forces from 2011 to 2018.

John's academic experience comes in the form of an MBA from Rice University, an MS in data science and analytics from Regis University, and a BS in computer science from Regis University.

John has been a resident of Fair Oaks Ranch since 2021 and is the proud parent of two children with his wife Lizvette.

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RYAN SCHNOKE

My name is Ryan Schnoke, and I would like to be considered for a FORHA Board member position. I have lived at 8811 Gate Forest, in the Front Gate neighborhood, for almost 6 years.

Previously, I lived in the Crownridge neighborhood, where I was a member of the Crownridge of Texas Owners Association board of directors for 5 years, the final 3 years as board President. I am very familiar with HOA board duties and responsibilities. I have a firm understanding of governing documentation, enforcement and collections. I am also a firm believer in a board members fiduciary commitment and responsibility to the community that they serve.

During my time on the Crownridge board, we completed several major projects in the neighborhood, including conversion of 3 miles of wooden fence to rock at a cost of approximately \$880,000, updating and improvement of many main road islands, HOA sprinkler system renewal, mailbox replacement and implementation of parking restrictions in certain unsafe areas. I worked for and against several zoning change issues, and successfully worked to keep undesirable retail/commercial establishments out of Crownridge.

I found success in my role as board President by operating as transparently as possible. This included having open HOA meetings to talk about any “controversial” issues in the neighborhood and making third parties available for discussion with the full HOA membership as needed. I developed a productive relationship with our San Antonio City Councilman’s office and was able to get their assistance when needed. Additionally, I listened to HOA members and put the wants and needs of the community above my personal positions.

JAIME SEPULVEDA

I am submitting my application for a directorship of the Fair Oaks Ranch Homeowners Association. My wife, Kathy, and son, Jaime, and I have lived in Raintree Woods for over two years.

My business background is primarily in the finance and real estate sector. I am the owner of a residential investment property acquisition firm. I think this is a good background for serving on the board of a major homeowners association.

My experience in the community comes primarily from serving as a member of the Fair Oaks Ranch Rotary Club. In that capacity, I have worked as a volunteer on a number of community projects such as Hazardous Waste disposal (city project) and Shred Day (FORHA project). I have also helped in delivering the Veteran’s Day Observance at the Peace Tree. My son and I have also supported FORHA’s Adopt A Highway program several times.

My wife and I are actively involved in our children’s activities. As a Rotarian, I have also supported the Boerne Independent School District Back to School rallies that support families and children in need.

I am aware of the rich history of Fair Oaks Ranch Homeowners Association and the role it has played in the development of Fair Oaks Ranch. I believe this organization is integral to the successful continued development of our city and that is another driver for me in wanting to serve on the Board.

Thank you for your serious consideration of me as a future member of the Fair Oaks Ranch Homeowners Association Board of Directors. You have my pledge that I will work in the best interest of our community and use my business skills to manage the affairs of the Association in a very business-like manner.