

Steven Garetto-Barnett - Candidate Statement

Hello neighbors! My name is Steve Garetto-Barnett and I'm excited to announce that I'm running for the Board of Directors. I've lived at Del Webb Rancho Mirage for 6 years.

I'm running on a record of accomplishments that directly benefit all of us as homeowners. I was previously on the Board of Directors, first as Vice President, then as President. I also currently serve as the Chair of the Communications Committee. Even though Pulte controlled the Board for 1 1/2 out of the 2 years I served, I was able to achieve a lot by leveraging my strong negotiation skills and trust with both Pulte and the City of Rancho Mirage. Some of my most visible accomplishments for DWRM are the following:

- \$400,000 worth of common area repairs from Pulte with \$0 spent in legal fees. This included repaired streets, curbs, gutters, a rebuilt Bocce ball court, a resurfaced Pickle Ball court, blinds for the Outlook Lounge, pool & spa repairs, and other items.
- Prepared the annual budget for 2 years in collaboration with our Treasurer.
- Chaired the committee that built a new HOA website, saving \$5,000/year in costs.
- Hosting monthly trivia, generating \$2,000/year in net revenues for the HOA.

I'm proud that my contributions to the community have generated considerable revenue back to DWRM.

My professional background and experience also makes me well qualified to serve:

- 25 years at The Walt Disney Company as an Information Technology executive, overseeing a staff of 45 employees, and annual capital & operating budgets of over \$20M.
- Ran financial systems, which required an in-depth knowledge of forecasting, planning, and understanding financial statements.
- Many years of contract and pricing negotiations with 3rd party vendors.

Prior to moving to DWRM, I was also the President of an HOA Board and Finance Chair of another HOA where I prepared budgets, re-structured contracts, and advised the board on vendor selections.

Finally, I'm running on a platform called "A Better DWRM." Our Priorities Reflect Your Priorities:

- Protect home values and investments
- Enhance community image and pride
- Improve and provide open and timely communication from the Board and Management
- Strengthen safety and security
- Ensure smart, efficient use of HOA funds

DWRM has a bright future and I'm confident that I've shown the commitment, drive and results to be elected to the Board of Directors in this upcoming election. Thank you in advance for your consideration.