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**Community Involvement**: Councilor, Village of Bald Head Island; Board of Trustees and Chair of Worship Committee, Village Chapel of Bald Head Island; Board, Friends of Music Society of Bald Head Island; Volunteer, Old Baldy Foundation; Member, Transportation Advisory Subcommittee (joint appointments by Village and BHI Limited ~ 1998); Participant, Vision 2020; House Committee, Bald Head Island Club; Board, Harbour Village Association.

My husband and I first visited Bald Head Island in 1985 on a day trip. I knew immediately that I wanted to be a part of this wonderful place. We soon bought a Swan's Quarter unit and became full-time residents in 1997. Much has changed since that first visit but the beauty of the Island and the caring community remains. This is why I continue to make BHI my home.

The lifestyle we experience and the economic health of the Island depends on addressing the needs and concerns of a community that extends beyond the voting public. This includes not only residents and property owners, but businesses, renters and other visitors to the Island. Recognizing the interdependence of these stakeholders is the first step towards effectively planning for the future of the Island. I envision an advisory group to the Council representing a broad spectrum of Island contributors to provide input and identify potential solutions to issues facing BHI. It is not enough to simply identify problems. We must also seek reasonable solutions that best serve the entire Island.

The Island has experienced substantial growth in the last 14-15 months and makes planning for buildout a top priority. The focus should be on long-term, sustainable approaches that respect the environment and Island-life for all stakeholders. Shoreline stabilization, stormwater management, maintenance and expansion of infrastructure continue to be areas that deserve our attention. A reliable transportation system is paramount to the continued success of the Island.

It is imperative that all decisions impacting the Village be made based on the best available information and take into consideration the long term impact to BHI. As Councilor, it is my personal responsibility to become informed on the issues and communicate accurate information to the public. Misinformation does not move us forward but rather diverts focus from the very real challenges facing the Village and BHI. I am committed to moving us forward in a way that acknowledges all viewpoints and considers the best future for the Island as a whole.

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