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**Profession and Education.**

My career as a CPA and former Vice President at Bank of America has given me the ability to analyze financial matters objectively, evaluate alternatives and identify solutions that best support long term success.

**What is your history with Bald Head Island that has brought you to ownership and now a candidate for BHA?**

My first visit to BHI was in 1995. It was a cold, rainy February weekend. You can imagine the feeling. While the visit was very interesting, I did not see or know the vision of the island. The next visit was in 2007 in the summer. I chose BHI because it was stuck in my mind and I felt like it would be a great, safe family location because of the remoteness. We were not disappointed. We returned almost every year from Colorado and created lifetime family memories. We brought different family friends and we saw the island through their eyes and our combined experiences. While our vision was changing to the growing opportunities of the island, and we always attended open houses and viewed available land lots, it wasn't the right time for ownership. Finally, in 2020 we knew we could make BHI our special family place while sharing our space with others. I am invested in BHI's long term, successful future.

**What professional skills and life experiences do you feel would be most valued as a member of the BHA Board?**

Professionally, I bring financial and operational awareness and an objective analytical approach. As a BHA board member, I would use these skills to protect the financial stability of our HOA. Growing up in a town of 500 people shaped my understanding of how small communities must balance the challenge of preservation with progress. Protecting what makes a place special requires a strong reign on operational controls and governance. I have also served in various board positions, ranging from charity to humanitarian efforts, and I know it is critical to have an experienced, effective oversight to provide the appropriate guardrails for success and transparency.

**As a BHI property owner, what aspect of the Island life is most important to you as a key to BHI's future and, if elected, how would you help craft that future?**

As a BHI property owner, preservation of the charm and experiences that our “ferry” island provides to its owners and visitors is most important to me. The experience of stepping into a slower, peaceful environment surrounded by natural beauty is what makes BHI unique. Introducing the island to friends and family, as well as, newcomers to the island has been one of the rewarding aspects of owning a home here.

My goal as a BHA board member is to protect the financial aspects of the HOA operations through overhead management and compliance with federal and state rules and regulations.