

Doug Hughes

Dear Foothills Clusters homeowners,

I am writing to express my continued dedication to the improvement of our neighborhood, and interest in continuing to represent you on the board of directors.

Having lived in the neighborhood for twelve years, I have enjoyed meeting many of you at neighborhood functions, walking and jogging the streets and common areas, and out working in my desert gardens on the corner of E. Kingler Spring and Evans Mtn. For those of you who I have not had the pleasure of meeting, please allow me to share a few quick facts about myself:

- Former engineer and middle school teacher for 13 years.
- Wildlife advocate and lover of plants, especially those that support our bird population.
- Devotee of the arts and aspiring writer, musician, and photographer.

Through my term on the board of directors, I have had the privilege of contributing to the neighborhood in many meaningful ways:

- Collecting signatures to raise the borrowing limit, the first step towards replacing our roads. This goal has now been achieved! If reelected, I look forward to working with my fellow board members on the next step, and most importantly, continuing to discuss the situation with residents around the neighborhood to ensure their questions and concerns are addressed.
- Working with Dan Weisz, our master association representative, on combatting the spread of invasive and dangerous grasses in our common areas. With the population growth in the Tucson area, our common areas are an increasingly important treasure. We are also all too aware of the fire danger our area faces, and these grasses exacerbate that danger.
- Advising homeowners on environmentally safe measures to mitigate pack rat activity.
- Aside from my board duties, I have also invested much time and energy in opposing the Tucson City Council's attempts to unjustly target us for increased water rates. Last summer, I collected and sent forty of your signatures to the mayor and council. I will continue to work in opposition of their efforts to blame us for the city's problems and penalize us with increased water rates.

Additionally, I would like to share some personal philosophy regarding the governance of our HOA. My belief is that the HOA board should:

- Consider its primary purpose to be protecting home values.
- Work to ensure that communally owned assets (roads and common areas) are properly maintained. We are achieving unprecedented progress in these areas.
- Avoid putting additional financial burden on homeowners whenever possible.
- Allow residents to make decisions regarding their own property as they see fit, except when such decisions would negatively impact the home value or quality of life of other residents to a significant extent. Our current ACC chairwoman, Linda Jaworski, does a tremendous job achieving a balance with this, and if reelected I look forward to continuing to work with her.

Thank you for taking the time to read this statement of my intent to continue to serve as one of your board representatives. Please continue to bring your concerns, ideas, and questions to my attention, either in writing or when I see you around the neighborhood!

Sincerely,

Doug Hughes