

## Two SRCA Board Positions Open in 2021 Election

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The Stonebridge Ranch Community Association (SRCA) has been under homeowner control since 2008. This means that land developers no longer make the strategic and fiscal decisions which secure the future of our HOA. Instead, these decisions are made by your neighbors—the seven homeowners you elect to the SRCA Board of Directors.

The volunteers who devote their time and energy to the board truly believe in the Stonebridge Ranch way of life because it is their way of life! They serve for a variety reasons, including the desire to:

- Maintain our extensive portfolio of **assets and amenities**.
- Preserve our **beautiful surroundings**, such as our tree canopy, landscaping, and lakes and ponds.
- Protect our premier **curb appeal** by upholding design standards.
- Support an **active lifestyle** for residents by providing varied social events.

With dedication to the above goals, the board ultimately helps safeguard your investment in your own home. An unrelenting focus on our strategic mission is vital to keep everyone's property values high.

At the March 2021 Annual Meeting, SRCA homeowners will elect two board directors, each for a term of three years. Any homeowner member in the association may submit an application for candidacy. Each SRCA household may submit one vote in the 2021 election.

### WANT TO RUN?

If you are interested in running for the Board in 2021, you must submit the Board Questionnaire printed in the January 2021 edition of *Stonebridge Ranch News*. The questionnaire is also available for download at [www.stonebridgeranch.com](http://www.stonebridgeranch.com). The questionnaire and the related document of up to 500 words is due by Friday, Jan. 15, 2021.

### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Our directors face a variety of situations during their terms of service. If you are interested in submitting your candidacy, please consider these four basic guidelines:

- **Act in good faith for the association's best interests.** Directors must consider what is best for all members of the SRCA, not a select few. Each decision must be based on a board member's honest judgment: what is best for the association as a whole?
- **Act with appropriate care and caution, seeking advice from experts when appropriate.** As volunteers, board members should exercise a prudent degree of care when making decisions. This can involve consulting and trusting professional experts if a project requires knowledge beyond one's own expertise.
- **Act within the scope of authority.** It is vital that board members understand the scope of their authority and do not exceed it. Board members must be thoroughly familiar with the association's governing documents, which outline the requirements and prohibitions of their position. These include our *Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs)*, *Bylaws*, and

association policies. We provide these files publicly at <https://www.stonebridgeranch.com/governing-documents/> so anyone can review them 24-7.

- **Prevent personal gain.** Directors must use their best judgment to prevent personal gain from their service. For example, board members should not take personal advantage of business opportunities related to association affairs, nor should they accept gifts from vendors seeking to do business with the association.

Ultimately, board members are entrusted with the care, protection, and enhancement of the property values of others. They have a fiduciary duty of loyalty to the entire community and must exercise the skill and care that a reasonable person would exercise under similar circumstances. They must be of strong character, with the ability to maintain confidentiality.

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

Beyond acting in good faith, candidates should consider the time requirements of this volunteer position. Directors must be able to attend monthly board meetings, the Annual Meeting, and any other special meetings that may be scheduled throughout the year.

Typically, monthly board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month from 12:30 to 5 p.m. The board members choose the dates and times for their meetings, along with the roles they will serve (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director). Directors must actively participate in the board meetings; prep time in reviewing meeting materials is part of this responsibility. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines, in 2020 these have been hybrid meetings with both in-person and online participants.

Directors must also be prepared to work alongside professional management staff and community volunteers. Directors serve as liaisons to board-appointed committees. They attend monthly committee meetings and serve as a conduit for communication between the Board of Directors and the committee volunteers.

Finally, given the scope of our annual budget and maintenance projects, a strong business background can be very helpful. Board directors must have a working computer and internet access. They must be able to communicate via email and be proficient in the use of such applications as Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Adobe PDF.

The association thanks all interested homeowners and those who choose to submit their candidacy! If you have any questions regarding the election process, please contact the office staff at 214.733.5800 or [srca@cmamanagement.com](mailto:srca@cmamanagement.com). They are available M-F, 8:30 AM to 5 PM, to assist you.

### **VOTERS! STAY TUNED**

Due to print deadlines, we won't be able to share the candidate profiles in the *Stonebridge Ranch News* magazine until March. However, online voting will begin in February, so we'll be sharing the candidate profiles via our other communication channels soon. We ask our voters to stay tuned to the:

- **SRCA website** at [www.stonebridgeranch.com](http://www.stonebridgeranch.com).
- **Public SRCA E-News blasts.** To receive these blasts, you must voluntarily subscribe via the 'Stay Connected' form located at the bottom of any web page at [www.stonebridgeranch.com](http://www.stonebridgeranch.com).
- **SRCA Broadcast Text messages.** These are available only to homeowners, who must opt in after providing a cell phone number in their private online account at <https://cma.cincwebaxis.com/>.

- **The official SRCA Facebook group.** Our group is titled “Stonebridge Ranch Community Association (SRCA).” The direct link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/250390076027824/>. We accept all join requests.