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PREPARED, TRUSTED, RESPECTED

- Extensive Tahoe Donner governance experience, expertise
- Thoughtful, independent leadership
- Understands the diversity of member perspectives
- Community Associations Institute Certified Board Leader

Truckee Public Service

- Chair-elect, Truckee Fire Protection District Measure T Citizens Oversight Committee (2023 to Present)

Tahoe Donner Community Service

- Long-Range Planning Committee, Secretary (2021 to Present)
 - Led Northwoods Campus Report member outreach
 - Led Member Survey Working Group
 - Liaison to Finance Committee
- Private Amenity Access Working Group (2022)
- Short-Term Rental Policy Task Force (2017-18)
- General Plan Committee, Golf Course Subcommittee (2018-19)
- Women's Golf Club, Board Member (2017 to Present)

Professional Expertise

- 20-year career leading and developing multi-million dollar programs in financial services, telecommunications, human resources, and consumer products organizations. Specializing in business process integration, operational optimization, stakeholder engagement, and leading customer service.

MY FAMILY fell in love with Tahoe Donner when we bought our home here in 2010. The perfect escape from Bay Area commotion, we treasured our recreation and quiet time in the mountains with our daughter, Jes.

When I retired in 2015, my husband Brian and I realized our dream to live in Tahoe Donner full time. We got involved with clubs and committees, enjoyed the amenities, hiked the trails with our dog, Desi, and rarely missed a live music event.

With the support of family, friends, and Tahoe Donner neighbors, I recently beat breast cancer. **Now I'm inspired to give back to the community that helped me heal by serving on Tahoe Donner's Board of Directors.**

VALUING MEMBERS: Whether it's your primary or vacation home, whether you've owned for decades or moved in last week, Tahoe Donner should provide all members with an outstanding experience. Sadly, many members feel disillusioned by the value and enjoyment they're getting. **With my leadership, Tahoe Donner will renew its focus on valuing members.**

MEMBER FOCUSED FINANCES: The board has a fiduciary duty to provide robust fiscal discipline, reliable financial planning, strong reserves, prudent capital improvements, and realistic budgets. As members, we also have a right to candid communication, especially when fees go up and costs are higher than projected. **To maintain your financial trust, we must improve our budget development process, and make our capital improvement planning more precise and transparent.**

MEMBER FIRST AMENITIES: Too many members feel they have been pushed out of our private amenities by rising access fees and increasing crowds. Even my family buys a state park beach pass because Tahoe Donner's Marina is often too packed to enjoy. Where's the fun if the amenities are too crowded? Where's the pride of ownership if we're nickel-and-dimed to enter the facilities we own? **I support amenity access policy reform that prioritizes member use, encourages member enjoyment, and promotes pride of ownership.**

MEMBER INVOLVED DECISIONS: In Tahoe Donner, there are as many viewpoints as there are members. We all have an equal right to be heard. Before making big decisions, the board should hear from all members, not just the loudest voices. From my successful member outreach efforts in Tahoe Donner, **I know it's time to structure meetings and decision-making processes to promote more meaningful member involvement.**

NO DRAMA, JUST RESULTS: Real difference-makers get involved, do their homework and develop positive, collaborative partnerships based on mutual trust and respect. That's how I got results during my career; that's how I will get results for you. I have extensive Tahoe Donner governance experience and expertise. I understand our diverse membership. **I'm uniquely prepared to partner with the board, our management team, and you, our members, to arrive at well-reasoned, balanced decisions.**

WILDFIRE PROTECTION IS PRIORITY #1

Tahoe Donner set the standard for world-class wildfire preparedness. With climate change escalating fire risk, our preparedness initiatives need to keep pace:

- Supplement association resources with grant funding
- Ensure vigilance against emerging risks
- Continue strong defensible space standards
- Prioritize common area wildfire fuel reduction

As Vice Chair, and now as Chair-elect of the Truckee Fire Protection District Measure T Citizens Oversight Committee, I built effective working relationships with our regional fire district team, and I partnered with Tahoe Donner's General Manager and Director of Land Management to promote our community's safety.

Through my fire district public service, I know that, even as we strengthen our defensible space and forest management programs, we must also partner regionally to achieve Tahoe Donner's wildfire preparedness goals:

- Improve wildfire early detection, rapid response
- Address evacuation vulnerabilities, bottlenecks, signage
- Advance planning for 3rd emergency evacuation route
- Connect members with home hardening rebates

To protect our community from wildfire, Tahoe Donner can't go it alone and we can't wait until it's too late!

STEWARDEDING TAHOE DONNER'S FUTURE

- Connect with members to foster understanding, build trust
- Bolster long-range planning to prepare for our community's future
- Capital improvements to serve member enjoyment, sustain home values
- Workforce housing solutions, ensuring staff levels to serve member needs
- Active representation with town, county, and regional agencies
- Prudent community standards to safeguard our peaceful, residential character
- Environmental conservation, preserving Tahoe Donner's natural beauty
- Improve member satisfaction with restaurant offerings and prices
- Support camps for kids, programs for teens, adults, seniors
- **Improve member value by valuing members!**

HERE FOR YOU: Relaxing with family and friends, enjoying the amenities, going outside to play: the same dreams that first brought us together as neighbors keep us together today. We're all stewards working to preserve Tahoe Donner's beauty and community for future generations. I value you as members and neighbors. **I would be honored to have your vote and to represent you on Tahoe Donner's Board of Directors.**

