


# CIRCLE C HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NOMINATING COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

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**BIOGRAPHY:** Please write a brief biography of yourself below. This biography should include your professional experience and education and other pertinent information which will help to introduce you as a candidate. You need not expound on why you wish to be a director or what you hope to accomplish if elected, as such information should be included in your response to the questions set forth below. Your biography should not exceed the space below. If you do not answer some or all of the questions, the published biography will state “no answer”.

**Daniel brings a career of nearly two decades working in public affairs, government and community relations, and non-profit and association management. He is passionate about staying involved in the local community and bringing his experience, insights, and network to serve Circle C and help keep it the best neighborhood in Austin.**

**Daniel is Principal at Integrated Advocacy Solutions, LLC and specializes in helping clients inform and engage their constituencies in the decision-making process of policy changes at the local, state and federal levels. With a passion for politics, Daniel founded IAS on the premise of getting people involved in the decisions that directly affect their lives.**

**Previously, as Vice President of Constituent Relations at Texas Exes, the alumni association for The University of Texas at Austin, Daniel focused on educating, organizing and connecting the vast network of Longhorns to the political process, with a goal of advancing higher education on both the state and federal levels. He also managed donor relations and stewardship for the association, ensuring generous alumni and friends were presented with opportunities to support the organization through giving societies, scholarships, etc. and kept them current on the great work going on at Texas Exes and the university.**

**Prior to his work with Texas Exes, Daniel was the Director of Governmental Relations at Texans for Economic Development. This organization was established to increase the state’s economic growth and revitalize the eroding Texas horse and greyhound racing industry. Daniel managed the development of the overall public relations strategy, oversaw the group’s PAC, coordinated lobbying activities and implemented a grassroots action plan for the organization. Additionally, he has worked in the Texas political arena for Johnson and Johnson, Attorneys and Counselors at Law and Protecting You / Protecting Me, a program sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.**

**Daniel holds a BA in Government from The University of Texas at Austin, where he was active in student government and multiple community service organizations while on campus. He is a member of the Young Men’s Business League, having served as president of the organization in 2017, and is an active supporter of the Austin Sunshine Camps.**

**Daniel and his wife, Danielle, reside in Circle C Ranch Austin with their daughters, Claire and Alice. They moved to Circle C in the summer of 2019 because they found it to be the best neighborhood in Austin to raise a family.**

# **CIRCLE C HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NOMINATING COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. How long have you lived in Circle C Ranch? If not a resident, how long have you owned property in Circle C Ranch?

**My family has lived in Circle C Ranch since August 2019.**

2. What do you like best about Circle C Ranch?

**We love the community! We've found our neighbors to be friendly and courteous, and there are always people out and about in our community at the playgrounds, running, walking and biking. We also love the location relative to downtown Austin, as well as other businesses that meet the needs of our family such as shops and restaurants. Additionally, the schools are great here, Circle C Ranch is well-maintained and has many amenities, which makes us feel strongly that it's a wonderful community for our kids to grow up in.**

3. Have you participated in CCHOA related activities in the past or been a member of other volunteer-driven organizations? If so, please describe such participation or membership.

**I've not participated in CCHOA activities previously but have always been a part of organizations driving our community forward. For over 10 years I have been involved in the Young Men's Business League, and sat on the board of directors for that organization for 7 years, including 3 years on the Executive Committee, one as President of the board of directors. YMBL is strongly driven by volunteers with over 250 members of the League, and also managed a full-time staff that conducts the operation of a residential summer camp for 1,000 kids annually with an annual budget of over \$1.3m.**

**Additionally, I have worked for several large and small non-profits and membership-based organizations as a member of the leadership team. I also run a grassroots advocacy firm, so have significant knowledge of non-profit and association budgeting, membership participation and engagement of volunteers.**

4. Do you have any special expertise or knowledge that could be useful to the CCHOA?

**I have experience in budgeting, volunteer engagement, non-profit and association management and marketing. Additionally, I've been heavily involved in politics on the state and local level throughout my career and would be able to bring that expertise and those connections to bear as a member of the CCHOA Board.**

5. How many hours do you have to devote to CCHOA related activities?

**When I have committed myself to an initiative, I'm all-in. I spend whatever time is necessary to fulfill my duties, and I do expect to have the capacity to serve in a board role on the CCHOA. As president of YMBL I was giving 20-30 hours a week to that role, while raising my kids and maintaining my career.**

6. Are you familiar with the basic documents governing the CCHOA? Such documents include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. CCHOA Bylaws
- b. Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions
- c. CCHOA Articles of Incorporation
- d. CCHOA Settlement Documents and Licensing Agreement

**Yes, I'm generally familiar with these documents, as I've read through them upon moving to Circle C Ranch. I'm also a quick learner and familiar with how to navigate these types of documents to carry out necessary association management and governance duties.**

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7. Briefly describe your approach to problem-solving and how to build consensus among Association members.

**My approach to solving problems and building consensus comes from decades of experience with organizing volunteers, and managing non-profits and associations. I expect, and am used to finding common ground, among people who have varied opinions, interests and personalities.**

**It is critical to first gather information from as many available sources possible. A primary part of this is listening to opinions on all sides of an issue and working hard to empathize with the presented perspectives. Then work to understand or create possible solutions. Clear communication about those options and making adjustments with the input of others is a key element of coming to a final resolution. Once that resolution has been found, strong implementation and follow up communication is important to make sure that people are aware of the progress and outcomes.**

8. Do you have any specific goal(s) you hope to accomplish if elected to the CCHOA Board of Directors?

**I've got a lot of learning to do about our community. I hope to be able to contribute to the positive growth and maintenance of our community's culture, and to be a good representative of our neighbors here in Circle C. There are always needs in a community that need to be addressed, and I look forward to the opportunity to bring my association management and community relations background to the table to benefit Circle C.**

9. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude?

**No.**

10. Have you ever been a party or otherwise involved in any lawsuit and/or administrative proceeding in which it was alleged that you had committed any of the following acts or omissions?

- A. Fraud
- B. Intentional Misrepresentation or Misconduct
- C. Committing Deceptive Acts or Practices
- D. Breach of Fiduciary Duty
- E. Misuse or Misappropriation of Funds
- F. Professional Negligence

**No, I've never been involved in any lawsuit, administrative proceeding, nor have I committed any of the listed acts.**

If so, please describe the allegations as well as if and/or how they were ultimately resolved.

11. Do you have any connection to the following?

- A. Active builders in Circle C
- B. Stratus Development
- C. City of Austin
- D. PEC
- E. Other governmental entity?

**I do not have any formal or business connections to the listed entities. However, I do have working relationships with lobbyists, staff in the Mayor's office and others throughout city government and in the local business community.**

12. Have you or your employer ever bid for a Circle C contract or do you intend to?

**No, my previous employers or I have not, nor intend to bid on a Circle C contract.**