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PAUL OVEISI

I appreciate the opportunity to throw my name into the hat for Circle C HOA Board Membership. I'm a native Austinite and have worn many hats in this community including as a business owner, community organizer and on several non-profit boards. I'm the founder and partner of a South Austin café/garden called Cosmic Coffee, I previously owned and operated an award-winning music venue (Momo's Club). I've served on two City of Austin Commissions (Downtown Commission and the Music Commission). I served as the Mayor's appointee and Chair of the Live Music Commission. I'm a graduate of the University of Texas and SMU Law School. I worked as a litigator in Austin before changing my career to hospitality. I am currently growing the Cosmic Coffee brand to multiple locations in Austin. I also serve on the Board of the SIMS organization, a non-profit committed to the mental health of the Austin music community. I also previously served on the Board of several non-profits in the Sustainability/Permaculture realm.

I spend quite a bit of my time outside of my business contributing to Environmental Causes particularly in the realm of Sustainability. I've been certified as a Permaculture Landscape Designer and have been accredited with the highest recognition by the City of Austin for our Environmental efforts with Cosmic Coffee (Platinum designation for Green efforts in 2019). I did serve as the head of my prior HOA's landscaping committee (Buda - Garlic Creek HOA).

My wife is also a native Austinite and a touring musician (Suzanna Choffel). Both of us recently moved to the Vintage Place subdivision of Circle C with our two daughters, Lulu (age 7) and Izzy (age 3). We all genuinely love the neighborhood and natural beauty of Circle C and it would be an honor to contribute my time and energy to the HOA.



RAY OLAH

Recently, I retired from the State of Texas. Most of my time with the state was at the Attorney General's Office, where I served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Consumer Protection Division. During that time, I served under four Attorneys General, beginning in 1996. I was also employed at the Texas Department of Insurance for a number of years, in the Fraud Unit and the Liquidation Division.

Like many who live in this city, I moved here to attend the University of Texas at Austin, where I earned a degree in journalism in 1985. After working for a few years, I decided to go to law school and attended St. Mary's University, graduating in 1995.

Also drawing me to move to Austin was the Armadillo World Headquarters, which unfortunately closed in 1980. What has kept me in Austin all of these years is its vibrant live music scene. I still attend concerts regularly, mostly at ACL Moody Theater, Antone's and the Circuit of the Americas.

What I hope to bring to the Board of Directors is experience and perspective. I do have previous BOD experience, having served for 8 years as a Community Board Representative with College Houses Inc., a nonprofit student housing cooperative that houses over 600 students in the West Campus area. The perspective I hope to bring relates to the growth I have seen in Austin and the growth that now surrounds our neighborhood.



JOANNE KINZER

Hello, I am Joanne Kinzer and I've lived in Circle C for three and a half years (Austin for five) with my husband, four-year-old son, and one-year-old daughter. I am a communications professional with more than 15 years of experience in public relations, corporate communications, and investor relations, having worked with companies at all stages – from start-up, all the way to Fortune One. I graduated from UCLA in 2007 with a Bachelor's in English and started my communications career as a publicist in the video games industry. From there, I made the move into corporate communications and investor relations and helped bring a global games company public in 2011. Stepping away from video games, I worked in investor relations with companies in the healthcare, automotive, and education industries. Silicon Valley came calling and I jumped back into games for several years, experimenting with a personal finance startup after, then taking a position at Walmart eCommerce, which was my last role prior to moving to Austin. At each organization, I became involved with various community and internal employee-focused volunteer groups that all promoted bettering the community and increasing employee representation, equality, and engagement. Currently, I'm a communications consultant taking on various projects with different technology companies. This gives me flexibility in my schedule and allows me time to spend time with my amazing kids and travel with my family. My main interests, other than my sweet little family, include food, traveling, exercising, and learning new things.



JOHN LA BARGE

I'm John La Barge I've enjoyed the privilege of being a resident of Circle C Avana for six, going on seven years. Time flies when you're having fun!

My day job is software engineering lead/manager at Apple where I work on financial backend for Apple Pay. In a previous life I was a practicing patent litigation attorney at a large patent litigation firm in Washington DC where I also had pro-bono practices in helping asylum seekers and housing tenants who were being mistreated by their landlords. I left my practice and went back to software engineering to have more time with my family. I have a computer science and law degree from The George Washington University.