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I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the Harbor Island Owners Association Board. I have been married to Jeannie Aull for 26 years. We have resided full time in the Shandon area of Columbia for 21 years. Jeannie works for SCANA as a Systems Analyst. We have four children. Keith (25) is a project engineer who lives in Charlotte and is mostly off the payroll. Taylor (23) is close to wrapping up his career at Clemson. Kirby (21) is a senior at USC in Columbia. Zachary (13) is an eighth grader at Hand Middle School and reminds me that retirement is not as close as I would like.

I work as the Manager of Operational Support Services for SCANA Corporation, headquartered in Cayce, SC. I am in charge of over 175 employees with an annual operation and maintenance budget of \$15 million and a capital budget (facilities, software, and equipment) of \$12 million. I received a B.S. in Administrative Management from Clemson University and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina.

I previously served six years on the board for Palmetto Place, an emergency children's shelter in Columbia. I served one term as the Treasurer for this non-profit organization. One of our accomplishments on this board was to develop a long term strategic plan for the organization with a vision of what we wanted to accomplish in the future. I also served four years on the A.C. Moore Educational Foundation. A.C. Moore is the local elementary school that my children attended. I served two years as the Treasurer for this organization.

Jeannie and I bought our property on 6 Teal Ct in 1998 and constructed our home in 2003. I grew up going on family vacations to the SC beaches and we fell in love with Harbor the first time we visited. The view of the marsh and Harbor River from our back deck continues to keep us inspired. Jeannie loves to read on the beach while I enjoy boating, fishing, and shrimping in the local waters. We try to spend as much time as we can at Harbor and hope to retire there in the not too distant future. We currently rent our home and manage the rental ourselves. If Taylor and Kirby can do their part and take college expenses off of our monthly budget we would spend more time at Harbor.

My goal is to bring my business experience to the board so that we can have a long term plan in place and short term budgets that support our long term plans. I believe in being proactive with preventive maintenance and with the realization that we have don't have the funding to do everything needed. I believe all budget line items need to be examined to make sure we are doing them in the most effective and efficient manner. Setting orderly priorities to make sure our core functions are covered would be a top priority. I also believe my business and planning experience can help build a consensus for the different interests on the island. In my current job, one of my keys to success is finding solutions that will gain support from many different stakeholders. I believe this consensus building approach will serve the board well.