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My wife Sarah and I bought our first property on the island in 1994. Our home in Harbour Key was built in 2005. While the island has changed a lot over the years it is still a quiet, mixed residential and condominium community.

Presently I serve on the Board and act as Board liaison to the Rental Advisory, Long Range Planning, and Document Review committees. I worked with the Rules and Election committees. I volunteer with the Turtle Project and served as the contact person to the Department of Natural Resources Least Tern Project. I also manage the HIOA website

([www.harborislandoa.com](http://www.harborislandoa.com)). On my own I produced the Life on Harbor Island DVD, and publish a new email nature newsletter "Some of the News from Harbor Island Naturally".

Before moving to the island from Ohio, I taught in public schools and with Ohio University, Lancaster. I have wide experience in educational management, and labor relations.

When I first ran for a seat on the Board my main interest was planning for the future. Some action has been taken but more is needed. The finance and legal committees are very helpful. A new election procedure is now in place. The Long Range Planning Committee effectively draws our attention to physical needs. Communications have improved, but still more can be done.

As our island gets built out, our facilities will not meet our needs. Reserve funds have been growing but are still not enough to pave our roads without a special assessment. There is no plan to deal with demolitions. There are, also, questions about the validity of some of our ARB rules.

We have taken some steps by establishing a committee to study the Covenant and Bylaws for possible changes. We are also investigating a reserve fund study, to be prepared for future repairs and replacements, without the need for additional assessments.

Among things still to be addressed are, a major review of the ARB rules is needed both in light of what we can and cannot do and how we handle new materials and methods of building. Gate traffic is already a problem along with crowding at the BRC and the pool.

The time to do these things is now. The decline in building gives us some breathing space. It will not last, when building resumes we should be ready. Planning for the future need not be costly in dollars but it is costly in time. Currently we do not have very much of either so we should expend both wisely.

The Board needs to work with real estate and rental agents on a plan to project the image of our community as the most accessible destination for those wanting a nature oriented vacation in South Carolina.

In this economic climate we must examine every facet of our operations to find less costly ways of running the island. That might mean not doing some things or it might mean investing to save money. For example we are in the process of computerizing the issuance of gate passes. We will spend less money doing this than we paid to get the passes printed.

If you re-elect me to the Board I cannot promise that fees and the yearly assessment will not go up or that all our problems will be solved. I will promise that I will do everything I can to move us toward those goals fairly and in the best interest of the whole island.