



**Chris D. Poland**

**2021 Candidate for Re-election to the CLPOA Board**

Husband, Father, Grandfather, Native Californian, CEO, Engineer, Builder, member of the National Academy of Engineering, CLPOA Vice President 2019-2020, CLPOA President 2020-2021, retired to Canyon Lake.

Barbara and I have been married for 50 years. We have three children, seven grandchildren, and a golden retriever. We were both raised in Big Bear Lake and married as high school sweethearts. I earned a BS in Mathematics at the University of Redlands, an MS in Structural Engineering from Stanford, completed a 40-year career with Degenkolb Engineers in San Francisco, and now maintain a Consulting Engineering Practice in Canyon Lake.

Canyon Lake is a fascinating place we discovered in the early 2000's. We were drawn to the spectacular views, the lake and golf course, the inclusion of families of all ages and the organized and delightfully unique ambiance. In 2006, we bought our lot and invested in the CLPOA for our future retirement. In 2014 we joined in when we retired and moved here, built our retirement home on Hole 14, started participating in the clubs and committees and now in leadership at the CLPOA Board Level. We are incredibly happy to be here.

My first two years on the Board have been enlightening and rewarding though a challenging learning experience. Canyon Lake is a mutual benefit, non-profit corporation that resides in the City of Canyon Lake. We are a business organized, governed, and owned by the members of the community that are the shareholders. We operate under laws of the State of California and governing documents that include Articles of Incorporation, statements of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs), Bylaws, and self-imposed Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors is responsible to understand, uphold, and operate within these governing documents, definitely the biggest part of my learning experience.

Over the past year as your President and CEO, I brought the same planning, operating style, and accountability to the Board that I used in my Consulting Engineering firm that was twice the size. We began by formalizing our Board Principles that included our Board's Core Values, Purpose, Vision, and Goals for 2020-2021. These were published and are regularly referred to as the guideposts for our decision making. They allowed us to reconnect with the community through extensive communication and re-energized committee work, have efficient meetings, consistent decision making, and make good progress toward achieving our vision to become a sought-after resort-style community for the permanent residents; all of them.

My goals for the next two years are to continue thoughtful and focused leadership as follows:

- Provide visionary leadership following the Board Principles.
- Seek to understand, respect, and address the expectations of the community's diverse membership.
- Implement projects to expand and enhance the amenities and increase property values.
- Work with our committees through their appointed Director Liaisons.
- Provide constant written communication through Board Updates and Agendas.
- Modernize the CC&Rs, Bylaws and Rules to address the needs and wishes of this transitioning community.
- Refine the Annual Budget Development process to better address short-term and long-term expenses.
- Collaborate with the City through open communication and joint efforts related to planning and compliance, economic development, and emergency response and recovery planning.

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