



## SVLA BOARD DIRECTOR

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Hello Neighbors and fellow SVLA members!

It seems like a long time that we've been considering the future of the SVL Country Club and the role our Association should play in that future. I'm sure the outcome of our vote has left many of our members disappointed, or confused, or perhaps even angry. I hope we can all take three important steps as we move forward.

First, I hope we can all treat each other with respect and even kindness. I avoid most social media discussions because they descend into accusations and name-calling that almost none of us would employ with another person face to face. I'm sure there will be plenty of opportunities online to vent and talk about what people should have done differently. I'd ask for us to remember we are all neighbors, all living in the same Association and facing the same current issues and future challenges together.

Second, I hope we can be more involved. We have a small professional paid staff, but much of the work in an Association is done by volunteers. Committees are great places to start, and running for a board seat is always an

option. But we can all do something - scanning the Breeze for updated information, subscribing to the e-mail list, following the SVLA social media platforms, answering surveys and polls. You can also provide feedback to [board@svla.com](mailto:board@svla.com) – I can guarantee you that every email is read. (I'll also admit that replies may not be what you'd like because none of us individually can speak for the Association.)

Finally, I hope we can all get to know our neighbors a bit better and help out where we can. During the discussion about the future of the golf course, there were concerns some of our neighbors might be greatly harmed by an extra \$20 per month in dues. It seemed to me that much of that concern was just a praiseworthy empathy for people on fixed incomes in general. But for specific cases, I'd hope if our neighbor is struggling, we can be a community that cares. If you have a neighbor in need, reach out; help with groceries, or a car repair, or yard work (to avoid the Citation Committee!).

I love SVLA! I'm thankful every day that we found our dream home and live here. I believe the vast majority of our Association members feel the same.

I'm sure that most of us support our vision to be the premiere place to live in the High Desert. While we may disagree on how to get there, or how to prioritize

the steps to get there – I know that we'll make better progress working together. As I was once known to say... "Together, we thrive!"



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