Candidate Statement for Lake Limerick Board of Directors - Mike Berni



Hello. My name is Mike Berni. My wife, Mary, and I recently retired and became full-time residents here at Lake Limerick two years ago. From the minute we first visited this special community we knew this was where we wanted to be and have thoroughly enjoyed our time here and the people we've come to know. The biggest draws for us were the sense of community and the many amenities our HOA has to offer – the lake, the restaurant, the parks, the golf course, and the wildlife.

This past year I have been exploring volunteer opportunities in the community and would like to be considered for one of the current board of directors' openings, as I think I would be a good fit.

I recently closed my psychotherapy practice (45+ years) in Seattle where I maintained licenses in both marriage/family and mental health therapy. I have a master's degree in Educational Psychology and hold post graduate certificates in Human Services Management and Geriatric Mental Health. I also have previous board experience, most recently with the Mental Health Housing Foundation in South King County. My practice was mainly focused on conflicts between family members and organizations. I believe my experience in mediation, collaboration, and conflict resolution would be an asset as a member of the board. I believe these skills, plus my ability to listen, would be helpful during this current phase of Lake Limerick's growth. I don't think we need to take Lake Limerick back, but rather work together to move all of us forward in a positive direction. Thank you for your consideration and hopefully your vote.