

## Candidate Statement for Lake Limerick Board of Directors - Mike Berni



Hello! My name is Mike Berni. My wife, Mary, and I have been part of this wonderful community for over three years now. From the minute we first visited Lake Limerick, 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.

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. My practice was mainly focused on conflicts between family members and organizations, and I believe my experience in mediation, collaboration, and conflict resolution would be an asset as a member of the board. In addition, my ability to listen would be helpful during this current phase of Lake Limerick's growth.

In the past 18 months I attended many different committee meetings to learn more about each one. As a result, I joined the Architecture Committee and am also the current Chairperson of the LLCC Hearing Committee. In September 2022, I was appointed by the board of directors to fulfill the term of another board member. This exercise of involvement and commitment has encouraged me to run for a full term as one of your board members. I also have previous board experience with the Mental Health Housing Foundation in South King County and the Highline Youth Service Bureau.

Thank you for your consideration and hopefully your vote.