

Foothills Park & Recreation District

Board Candidate Information

Information will be supplied to District voters via the Foothills Park & Recreation District website and to the press upon request.

Candidate name: Ali Lodice

1. What education, personal skills or experience do you feel are applicable to your candidacy?

Having lived in the Foothills Parks and Recreation District for 47 years, I possess a deep understanding of its needs and values. As a dedicated mother of three who is actively involved in sports and a current board member with three years of experience, I am well-equipped to enhance our parks and recreation programs. Approaching retirement, I bring a unique perspective that balances the needs of families with children and advocates for dog-friendly spaces, ensuring our community remains vibrant and inclusive for all residents. With 28 years of experience in the criminal justice system, I recognize the critical importance of physical fitness and its connection to community well-being. Engaging in sports and recreational activities fosters healthy relationships and promotes positive personal growth, providing individuals with a sense of belonging and purpose that is essential for both personal and communal development. This connection is one of the reasons I am deeply committed to our parks and recreation community.

2. How many years have you lived in the District?

47 years

3. Do you use District facilities? If yes, which ones?

As an avid pickleball player, I take full advantage of both the indoor and outdoor courts, relishing every opportunity to engage in this sport with my family and friends. My kids enjoy the workout facilities and pool, which provide them with the perfect environment for staying active together. Additionally, my husband and our dogs love exploring the beautiful parks and scenic trails, making our community's recreational spaces a vital part of our family's lifestyle and enjoyment.

4. What is your primary motivation for running for the Board of Directors at this time?

My primary motivation for running for the Foothills Parks and Recreation Board is my deep pride in being a current board member, and my desire to continue contributing to this wonderful community. I am consistently inspired by the positivity and energy of the dedicated individuals involved at every level of Foothills Parks and Recreation, and I am eager to work alongside them to further enhance our community's recreational offerings and foster a spirit of connection and engagement among residents.

5. Please describe what you consider to be the most important needs of the District.

Our District's goals should focus on building partnerships with local organizations and actively seeking community input. Our key long term initiatives could include upgrading golf courses, expanding arts programs and sports programs. I would also like to explore the creation of a dog park to serve our four-legged family members. My commitment is to foster inclusivity, promote environmental responsibility, and ensure the long-term growth of our recreational facilities and programs.

6. What would you like to accomplish as a member of the Board?

As a board member, my goal is to collaborate, listen, and work together to advocate for our community while also partnering with the Executive Director and the staff of Foothills Parks and Recreation. I aim to be open to growth while remaining mindful of our budget, fostering a creative environment that embraces a growth mindset.

7. What personal attributes do you have that you think would make you a good board member?

As a passionate team player and good listener, I believe Foothills Parks and Recreation is doing exceptional work and I have a clear sense of our direction. I am committed to being a part of the continued growth and development of our parks and recreation district.