

Bud Meador

I am a resident/homeowner in Sun City West, and am seeking your vote to become a Governing Board member.

I have deep roots in the Valley, as a Scottsdale High School graduate (1965), and Arizona State University (1973).

I am a retired US Marine Corps Infantry Officer. I held the ranks of private through sergeant and second lieutenant through lieutenant colonel. I also served as assistant professor, Department of Military History, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In total I have 42 years in federal service, 26 1/2 of which were in active military duty.

I served 24 1/2 consecutive months in the Republic of Vietnam.

I was affiliated with the US Naval Academy Foundation and the US Marine Corps University Foundation. I also had extensive, direct involvement with the US Army Command and General Staff College Foundation Board of Directors.

I currently serve as the Chair of Government Relations, Board of Directors, PORA, in Sun City West.

I currently serve on the Board of Directors, Sun Cities RV Compound.

I am a participating member of the Maricopa County Planning Action Committee, considering westward expansion toward Wickenburg through 2050.

My operational philosophy is fairness to all sides of an issue, arrived at through critical reasoning and thinking.

I am a firm believer in the development of a master plan and a strategic plan, professionally facilitated, reflecting our mission and values, and supported by clearly stated goals and objectives. I have 400 hours of dedicated formal instruction in Total Quality Management. Critical to the strategic planning process is the appointment of an overseer, accountable to ensure the effective execution of those plans, within designated timelines. I have significant background and experience in establishing and implementing such plans ... they must be acted on, and not put on a shelf to collect dust.

I believe Sun City West is the Mecca of middle-class retirement communities in the U.S. Maintaining that status calls for dedicated citizens - some paid and some volunteer - to be involved in the leadership and management of community affairs.

I believe strongly in a vibrant, collaborative relationship with PORA, which is the SCW interface with governmental agencies – local, county, state, and federal. PORA is the agency which has fought for moderation of various utility rates (among other issues), and, presently, leads the EPCOR/Luke 303 Wastewater issue with the Arizona Corporation Commission (in cooperation with the Residential Utilities Consumers Office). I head up that effort.

“Fairness” and “even-handedness” in all issues are my watchwords. Communication – clear and effective – with all parties and at all levels is an absolute must!

I have a bias for action. Kicking cans down the road is a bankrupt practice.