

Dennis Hanzel

I was born and raised in Ohio, and am privileged to have been raised by two members of the greatest generation. I attended college in Ohio and majored in accounting. After graduating, I worked for a national accounting firm where I became a Certified Public Accountant in the state of Ohio.

I left public accounting to work for the Internal Revenue Service as a Special Agent in the criminal division where I served for almost 29 years. I earned the distinguished graduate award in my criminal investigator training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

As a special agent, I conducted financial investigations involving individuals and businesses. During my years with the IRS, I attended law school at night, and graduated after a four year program. After finishing law school, I passed the bar exam, but did not practice law until I retired from public service.

As a collateral duty while I worked for the Government, I served as a guest instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. I taught classes on relevant criminal statutes and investigative techniques to new and experienced agents. I also moonlighted as an adjunct faculty member at an Ohio Community college where I taught accounting courses for four years.

After retiring from the IRS in 2006, I have practiced law. I have represented individuals and businesses in civil and criminal matters. I have conducted forensic audits of various non-profit entities. I have served on the Board of a Boys and Girls Club in Columbus, Ohio, and have served as President of a 501 c 3 organization.

In 2009 I purchased a second home in Sun City West. In 2022 I became interested in learning about the governance and finances of Recreation Centers of Sun City West. I attended the Sun City West Torch Academy, and served a one year term on the Sun City West golf committee.

I believe my education and work experience makes me uniquely qualified to be an effective member of the Governing Board. Recreation Centers of Sun City West needs to be run more like a business while meeting the expectations of the residents. If elected, I intend to focus my time on exploring avenues to keep costs in check so as to get the most out of our dues.

As a Director, I will never forget that I represent the residents of Sun City West, and will make recommendations that are in the best interest of the entire Sun City West community. I want the community to feel like they are being heard, and I encourage residents to get involved.