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In 1993 my wife and I moved to the valley, and I began working for First Interstate Bank which in a few years was purchased by Wells Fargo. What impressed most of my managers was that I had such a wide range of experience and brought a unique management style and direction. In 2000, I joined the 1st National Bank of Arizona and worked my way to managing all the bank branch operations for this three-bank holding company that had operations in Arizona, Nevada, and California. The branch network which consisted of 30 branch locations and several hundred employees was also my responsibility in Arizona. I was asked to head up an HOA division working with Community Management Companies in the US.

As you all know 2008 was not a good year for the banking business and 1st National was closed but the HOA division lived on. We weathered the change but most of us moved on and in the next few years moved our experience with the Community Management companies and their HOA's to Western Alliance Bank where I assumed a similar role as the senior operations officer and grew that division over the next 6 years.

As you can see, I have had the opportunity to work with the public all my life as well as all aspects of the banking business in Treasury Management, Accounting, Audit, Security, lockbox, and HOA operations, building construction and remodeling as well as corporate banking but most importantly, people management. Leading groups of 6-250 to success.

When I moved to Sun City West in 2016, I was faced with caring for my wife who was diagnosed with Dementia. Over the next 7 years her health continued to decline, and she passed away in July of 2023. With this change I began joining two of our great clubs. I have been active in the Boomers club as well as the Pickle Ball club. I recently volunteered to serve on the Budget and Finance Committee and found that the committee would not be able to access department information such as organizational charts to evaluate staffing or in my opinion over staffing. I was quickly told by the president of the board "This is not in your Purview". The committee charged with the responsibility to recommend a budget cannot have access to how departments spend money. This wall of silence motivated me to resign from the committee and run for a board position.

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