



It is my pleasure to introduce our five official candidates for the 2022 Shadow Brook HOA Board of Directors election. Each candidate has provided a brief Bio about themselves in the below **Notice of Candidate List and Meeting**.

We are still looking for someone to fill the sixth board position (President of the Board), and it is not too late to be a write-in candidate. Please review the next two pages carefully, as it contains important information about the upcoming "ballot count" meeting, ballot submission options/deadlines, and candidate bios.

**Shadow Brook Homeowners' Association
Notice of Candidate List and Meeting**

The official "ballot count" meeting will take place at **Shadow Brook Swim Club on November 29, 2022, at 7 p.m.**

HOA members can either hand deliver election ballots to the Inspector of Elections at the above "ballot count" meeting before 7:30 pm OR mail-in election ballots as follows.

All mail-in ballots must be **postmarked by November 25, 2022**, and sent to the below address to be counted.

**Attn: Inspector of Elections
Shadow Brook HOA and Swim Club
P.O. Box 20271
San Jose, CA 95160**

Per Civ. Code § 5105(a)(7), all HOA members are permitted to verify the accuracy of their individual information on the "Voter list" and "Candidate list" at least thirty (30) days before ballots are distributed (**deadline of September 28, 2022**). If you wish to verify your information, please contact the Inspector of Elections at:

sbsc_elections_2022@yahoo.com

The five official candidates are as follows: *

Meera Desai	I am Meera Desai and I have lived in Shadow Brook since 2013 with my husband, Jason Gruenhagen, our 14-year-old twins, and our 17-year-old dog. I have been on the Board serving as the VP of Social since the Summer of 2020. I have enjoyed working with our Social Committee on Food Truck Nights, Welcome Committee, Diwali Open House, Lighting up Shadow Brook, Easter Egg Hunt, Wednesday Night Summer Socials, Memorial Day Commemoration, Trivia, Bingo, Cornhole nights, Music at the Cabana, 4th of July celebration and Labor Day BBQ & Pot Luck. This year we hope to add a few more events including a Lunar New Year Celebration. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Board for another year if I am so honored and continue to foster the community spirit through social activities.
Joni Landine	I am Joni Landine and am interested in the position of VP Pool on the Shadow Brook Board. I moved to Shadow Brook in 2007 with my husband and our two sons, Peter and Ewan. In 2008, our daughter Erika was born. Ewan and Erika have had a wonderful experience being on the Shadow Brook Sharks swim team for the past six years. One of the reasons we chose to live in Shadow Brook was for the cabana and I have a strong interest in maintaining the sense of community and friendship that the pool helps to provide. I have been working in high tech for 28 years. I expect my background in purchasing and supply chain management will come in useful working with the vendors and suppliers which provide upkeep and maintenance for the pool. Please consider giving me your vote.
Mehul Patel	Hello SB residents, I am Mehul Patel. My wife and I made a decision to move into our Shadow Brook home more than 11 years ago and we consider ourselves fortunate to be part of a great community. We have 2 boys who have thoroughly enjoyed growing up in the neighborhood. For the past 25 years, I have been involved with the technology industry having a background in software development and finance. I have gained experience in leading teams, managing budgets, and collaboration. Outside of work, I enjoy mountain biking, running, and watching my boys play club/high school soccer. I am excited to be part of the Shadow Brook community and would like to be a candidate for a position on the HOA Board. I want to fulfill this important role by becoming more involved, protecting property values, and being social with other property owners in our community. Looking forward to serving on Shadow Brook HOA Board.
Tracy Rodriguez	My name is Tracy Rodriguez and my family and I have lived in Shadow Brook for 23 years now. We are very thankful to live in such a beautiful community surrounded by such friendly and responsible people. I have served as Financial Secretary for the past two years and it has been a great experience contributing to the smooth running of the organization. If elected I will be honored to serve another term.
Koorosh Vakhshoori	My family moved into the Shadow Brook neighborhood in 2010. We moved because of the highly rated public schools and beautifully kept homes. My sons started at Graystone elementary, attended Bret Harte middle school, and graduated from Leland high school. My eldest had a blast swimming with the Shark team. I also enjoyed my time volunteering at the swim meets and interacting with other parents. Nowadays, my wife and I enjoy walking our dog, Chloe, and getting to know additional neighbors and their dogs. Over the years, I have come to appreciate our friendly and beautiful community and would like to contribute. As a software engineer/architect with expertise in web application development, I feel well suited for the role of communication director, which requires a high level of technical knowledge. Here, I humbly ask for your vote.

* The above bios are in the candidate's own words, not from the Association .

Peach Tea



INGREDIENTS

- 8 black tea bags, preferably Lipton
- 2 pounds ripe peaches (6 to 8), peeled, pitted, and coarsely chopped, or 2 cups peach juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice, plus more if needed
- 1 cup ice, plus more for serving
- Granulated sugar, if needed
- Fresh peach slices, for serving

DIRECTIONS

1. In a tea kettle or medium saucepan over high heat, bring 4 cups of water to a boil. Remove from the heat and add the tea bags. Allow the tea to steep for 5 minutes.
2. While the tea steeps, purée the peaches if using fresh fruit. Pulse in a food processor or blender until very smooth. You should have 2 cups.
3. Gently squeeze the concentrated tea from the bags and discard the bags. If using puréed peaches, pour the tea into the blender, add the lemon juice, and purée until smooth. Transfer to a pitcher. If using peach juice, transfer the tea to a pitcher, and stir in the peach juice and lemon juice.
4. Add the ice to the pitcher, then taste. If it's too sweet, add more lemon juice, a couple of teaspoons at a time. If it isn't sweet enough, stir in sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, until dissolved. Refrigerate until the tea is chilled throughout. Serve in a large glass filled with ice and garnished with peach slices.

Social Corner

by Meera Desai, VP Social

Hi Neighbors! Finally, it's beginning to feel a lot like autumn – let's hope we are finished with the power outages! Sara Fox, a member of our social committee, is organizing our 1st annual Halloween house decorating contest and would like to invite everyone to participate! Get ready to display your spookiest, brightest, and most festive decorations. Since Shadow Brook is located next to our neighborhood schools, we would like to show some Halloween spirit. It would be great to encourage more of our kids and local children to come around for trick-or-treating this year!

There will be three awards presented this year. Two will be chosen by the board, as the best in the neighborhood. The third will be voted on by the neighborhood for the favorite decorated house. To vote, please send an email to splasher@shadowbrook.org indicating the address of the house you feel is the People's Choice in the neighborhood. The house with the most votes will win! The deadline for voting is October 22nd and the awards will be announced on October 25th. The winners will get a certificate, a yard sign, and a bottle of wine to celebrate. We look forward to seeing your decorations!

We will also be having our Diwali Open House again this year. Look for more information from our co-chairs – Nilomi Patel and Deepika Chhibber-Ahluwalia in the coming weeks. Don't know what to do with the last of your summer peaches – check out this Yummy recipe for Peach Tea!

From The President

by David Heindel, President

CONDO CONTROL if you have not already signed up, please do -- just send an email to splasher@shadowbrook.org. Condo Control will soon be our primary communication method with members for things such as the November Election and General Meeting.

Elections & Volunteers

I am very excited that we have five Members who have come forward to serve on the Board with two new Members - Joni & Koorosh - joining our three current Board Members - Meera, Tracy & Mehul. Valerie will be continuing in 2023 as Lifeguard manager and Scott is now managing year-round Brivo pool access.

The expanded Treasury team is onboard with Sarah Zeng (Marble Court) serving as Assistant Treasurer and Alexander Dolmatch (Summerleaf Place) accepting the part-time paid Bookkeeper position.

The one remaining position to fill is **President**, assuming there are no write-in candidates. If you are interested in learning more about the President's role, send an email to president@shadowbrook.org with our many Volunteers, I believe we have reduced and right-sized the President's role, so it is not an inordinate amount of work.

Legal Counsel, Davis-Stirling & Governing Documents Updates: Due to lack of space on this page, I will be sending a separate email communication to all members with an update.

Keeping Shadow Brook A Desirable Neighborhood

by ACC

Our Shadow Brook homes are now more than 50 years old, yet our neighborhood remains one of the most beautiful and desirable places to live in San Jose. Homeowners take pride in our neighborhood and have done an excellent job in maintaining their homes; consequently, the value of our properties has increased. As our homes age, maintenance and renovation are becoming more extensive. The Shadow Brook ACC has recently approved projects that involve significant changes to the exterior, interior, and front yard landscape.

If you are considering any home or yard projects, please remember to

- Submit an ACC Request Form before making any exterior changes and include copies of all exterior plans.
- Secure any required Building Permits from the City of San Jose.
- Reach out to your neighbors to explain the project, construction hours, and estimated completion date.
- Minimize the amount of time dumpsters and/or storage pods are on your property (preferably not in the street).
- Be thoughtful about discreetly placing a portable sanitation structure. The street or parking strip are not good options.

Significant home renovation projects take a considerable amount of time and require patience. Even though homeowners have carefully planned their projects unforeseen delays may occur due to ongoing supply and demand issues. It is helpful to remember that each improvement made to an individual property is a benefit to all of Shadow Brook.

President Request

by David Heindel, President

Clearing the sidewalk paths. If everyone could please take a moment to look at your sidewalks and trim back the bushes & trees our strolls around the neighborhood will be even more enjoyable. Thanks.

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