

I would have preferred to be here in person tonight, however, I had back surgery a few days ago and am not able to walk for any distance or ride in a car. I am watching the proceedings but the medication may make it difficult for me to give this my full attention. Keith has kindly offered to read my statement.

My wife and I have owned our house in Bradford Park for 25 years this month. We raised our daughter in this neighborhood and my wife recently retired from Forest Creek Elementary, where she helped many children from this neighborhood that were having difficulty by providing individual instruction during their early years.

I'm retired from the U.S. Air Force and spent 20 years of my life working in teams and organizing efforts in order to achieve a common goal. I've used those skills in my professional and private life as a technical team member, manufacturing manager, and project manager. I also currently serve as vice president of a car club chapter with 1,200 members spread across Texas from Brenham to Midland and Killeen to the Valley.

Although I have been acquainted with or neighbors of current or past board members, I never felt compelled to run until the previous election. I saw the mismanagement that was occurring and felt it was time to step up and be part of the process instead of watching and doing nothing.

I'd like to bring the skills I've learned to the board so we can work together to build a better community.