John Shannon – Candidate Background Statement – La Jolla Community Planning Association

John never intended to become so deeply involved in community groups, boards and committees. However, his natural curiosity and belief that "it does matter" pulled him into service nearly 20 years ago.

Born in Los Angeles, and raised at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains, John moved to La Jolla in 1982 to study at UCSD.

John enjoys being engaged in the community; identifying opportunities; anticipating and solving problems. He serves on the La Jolla Parks and Beaches Advisory Committee, the La Jolla Shores Association, the La Jolla CPA, as well as the PDO, DPR and Visioning Committees. John is also a long-term board member of San Diego Association of REALTORS® Government Affairs Committee. At SIO, John sits on the EW Scripps Associates steering committee.

Thirty-eight years ago John learned to SCUBA dive at La Jolla Shores, and enjoyed some memorable swims in the Cove. Today he is a member of La Jolla Cove Swim Club and can be found dodging sea lions and rounding the buoys three mornings a week.

John earned a BS in engineering from UCSD, an MS in engineering from Stanford, as well as an MBA and Teaching Credential from SDSU, and a PMP® Certificate. A 20-year career with Hewlett-Packard helped him develop his teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills. He currently runs his own residential and commercial real estate brokerage, Solace Realty, Inc. in La Jolla.

John actively supports *Walkable Communities, *Locally Owned Small Businesses, and *Park and Beach Accessibility.

John brings a unique perspective with experience in engineering, business, real estate, community, as well as the international scene - having worked and traveled in over 40 countries.

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