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As a member of the board, I plan to make decisions that will positively affect everyone and listen to people when they bring issues to my attention. I believe we, as homeowners, have voices that need to be heard by the top and anything less is not fair to you as we make this place an incredible place to live.

When my family and I first moved to Legacy Park we formed the Legacy Park Trash Warriors in an effort to clean up the litter that floats down our stream and create a better sense of community and help us adjust to our new lives in Kennesaw. Five years later, we still volunteer our time every month and take pride in the fact that we've kept Legacy Park looking beautiful. We are also very active in the various clubs offered by Legacy Park such as Swim Team, Soccer, Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the story time.

If elected, I plan to bring my skills of organization and budgeting to the table. As a mother of two homeschooled children, organization is the key to success, and one that I've learned to wield comfortably. I'm also the co-owner and accountant of a family run small business. Small businesses live and die by the pennies saved and spent wisely, and not by decisions made quickly.

Many of you worry about the future of our neighborhood, and I hear you. I've stood beside you, listening to your joys, your complaints, your wins and your losses. Let's work together to make LP a better community to live in.

2025 LEGACY PARK HOA CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

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EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

As a mother of two homeschooled children, I bring a lot to the table in terms of time and project management. I'm experienced in managing a budget while also ensuring things get done in a timely manner. My eye for detail gives a great understanding of the bigger picture when necessary, while also letting me dig into problems with a fine-toothed comb. When it comes to the community, I am very active. My husband and I started and continue to run the Legacy Park Cleanup every month, and my children are involved with soccer, swimming, scouts, and several others. My family and I are a constant part of the community throughout the year.

VISIONS AND GOALS:

My vision and goals are to tighten the bonds of our community and create a place where neighbors are no longer strangers. I want to see Legacy Park evolve into a place where families and children feel welcome. The cleanup we run has the largest impact on the beautification of our neighborhood, but there are steps everyone can take to make it even better. First, I would focus on the lake at the front of the neighborhood. Nearly every time I pass, I can spot trash in and around it. The lake is the first impression we give to new homeowners, and should be our shining jewel.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS:

A major problem between the board and the homeowners is communication. I believe there is more we can do to allow people the ability to see our meetings by utilizing virtual means. The Legacy Park Facebook page may be unofficial, but it is often the best source for news in and around the neighborhood. I believe the board should leverage that existing community by broadcasting the meetings via Facebook Live. It would allow for residents to see what is going on in real time closing the divide between the board and the homeowners.

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND BUDGETING:

In order to maintain a balanced budget, the HOA needs to widen the bidding pool we use for contracting things such as landscaping and decorations. Our expenses will naturally increase as inflation rises, but that doesn't mean there aren't avenues we can take to change that. By looking at unnecessary expenses, we can lessen the burden placed on the homeowners. People are struggling in today's economy, and some of our rules put can homeowners in situations where the only answer is to sell their home and move. I will work with the board to review our rules, cutting away antiquated ideals and propose new ones for the community to consider.

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POLICIES AND IMPROVEMENTS:

Our neighborhood lacks family activities, and that is something I would love to see expand. Simple things—like a monthly picnic in the park—would give people the chance to get to know each other just a little better. I also think we should build a garden where the community can come together to grow fruit and vegetables. This is something I've seen requested several times, and it would serve as another great way to connect our community.

TIME COMMITMENT AN AVAILABILITY:

The residents of Legacy Park deserve to know what's going on in our community, and that starts with clarity. As a member of the board, I will dedicate as much time as required to ensure that I'm prepared to provide it. I believe we should combine the Board meeting and monthly meeting with the intention of allowing the members of the community to see and understand what is happening and rebuild trust in the Board.