My name is Christina Gehrke, and we own a home in Village #1. I am interested in applying to be a nominee for Director of the VGC MPMA for 2027. In 2023, we purchased a house in Village 1, but a family member occupies it. I regularly attend the VGC MPMA Board of Directors meetings and was appointed by the Board to fill an open Director's position on October 28, 2026. I have also served on the VGC Financial Work Group since June 2026. I would like to be considered for nomination because I care deeply about our community and believe my experience and perspective can help the Board address the financial challenges facing our HOA.

My vision for the VGC MPMA: I believe the Board of Directors must provide the leadership, oversight, and accountability needed to address existing financial and operational challenges currently facing our HOA. My vision is to strengthen the association's financial stability, improve operational effectiveness, and promote transparent decision-making so we can protect our assets, maintain our community standards, and preserve property values. By focusing on responsible governance and long-term planning, we can build a strong, sustainable future while ensuring VGC remains a wonderful place to live.

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Brief bio:

Dr. Christina (Chris) Gehrke is currently a researcher and full-time instructor for various institutions of higher education. These institutions include Eastern Washington University, teaching online MBA finance courses, and Walla Walla Community College, teaching business courses at the Washington State Penitentiary. She is passionate about teaching practical finance and business skills that equip students to become valuable contributors to their communities' economic activities. Chris earned a Doctor in Business Administration degree from City University of Seattle and holds various professional certifications, including Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Internal Auditor, and Certified Management Accountant. Before becoming a full-time academic, Chris worked for over 22 years in the banking industry in various executive-level positions, including responsibilities for accounting, audit, legal, human resources, facilities, and board governance.

Chris is passionate about organizational governance and has worked with various non-profit boards for several years and was the citizen representative on the Port of Seattle Audit Committee for ten years to ensure public input into audit matters. She currently serves on the board of Blue Mountain Community Foundation and is a member of the Blue Mountain Cancer Foundation fundraising committee.

She considers herself a “recovering banker”. Chris and her husband selected Walla Walla Valley as their forever home after she left the banking industry.