

## Jim Austin Candidate by Nomination

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## **Candidate Information:**

Jim Austin is a new resident of Sea Pines that comes after 30 plus years of vacationing on the Island with his wife Barb and now grown daughters. We have been drawn to the outdoor active lifestyle made possible by the walking/biking paths, golf, boating and of course sunrise on the beach to sunsets at The Quarterdeck. Sea Pines is a special community to our family.

With more than 30 years of business development, marketing and event experience, Jim has served in a C-suite capacity for high impact non-profits in the Arts, Sports and Health industries as well as Director of New Business Development at SIMON, the nation's largest shopping center developer. In addition, Jim has served his community as a committee volunteer, various board roles, and mentor to others.

Jim is a graduate of the Carey School of Business at Arizona State University and has been married to his wife, Barb, for thirty years. Currently, Jim and Barb live in Indianapolis, have two grown daughters and look forward to spending more time in their Sea Pines dream home.

## Why I Wish to Serve the Sea Pines Community:

I have been blessed in my career and personal life to serve others, to build community and to collaborate with various corners of Indianapolis. This has all been intertwined into a vision of the future that has become Indianapolis today via national events, civic groups and community volunteerism. Coming from Chicago in 1996, Indy was a very small town just about to experience world class opportunity. I realized immediately how rare that opportunity was for me – right place, right time, I wanted to help shape the future. It's not so much about growth, but creating the fabric of a community through it's governing, organizations and infrastructure. Hilton Head is a very special place to my family that feels like nowhere else in the world. Our time spent on the Island over the past 30 years makes me want to help shape the future of HHI.

