

## **Karen Liepmann Candidate Statement**

In 1989, as young newlyweds, my husband, Bart Brebner, and I moved to Paradise Valley. We fell in love with the town's open spaces, mountain views, and tranquility. We also appreciated the excellent schools, lack of overhead power lines, and no property taxes. Thirty-five years later, we continue to treasure these distinctive town attributes.

I am committed to preserving and protecting Paradise Valley's natural beauty, low density residential character, and unique quality of life.

As a member of the Planning Commission, I am a strong advocate of preserving Paradise Valley's natural beauty, and prioritizing resident input over commercial development. These priorities were evident as the commission updated the 2022 General Plan, and worked on controversial developments such as the SmokeTree Resort, Andaz Resort expansion, and Quail Run residential subdivision.

### **I have deep ties to Paradise Valley.**

- 35-year town resident.
- Sons Alex and Sam Brebner were born and raised in Paradise Valley. Both attended Cherokee, Cocopah, and Chaparral.
- Chair, Paradise Valley Planning Commission (member since 2021).
- Rotating member of the Hillside Building Committee since 2021.
- Endorsed by Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner and numerous current and former council members.

### **I am an experienced business and community leader.**

- Practiced law for over 32 years, representing public, private, educational, and tribal entities in complex transactions. Spent 26 years in private practice and 6 years at ASU.
- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*®

- Named “Top 50 Women in Business” and “Best of the Bar” by *Phoenix Business Journal*.
- Named “Best of Arizona” in Corporate, Franchise, Healthcare, and Intellectual Property law, by *Arizona Business Magazine*.
- Chaired professional and business groups, including the Arizona State Bar Business Law Section, and Invest Southwest, and served on numerous boards of directors, such as Fresh Start Women’s Association, and the Phoenix Symphony.

I support:

- One acre residential zoning.
- Public safety and our town police department.
- Transparent, responsive, ethical, and efficient government.
- Short term rental and hillside building regulations.
- Preservation of open space and our natural desert environment.
- No property taxes.
- Collaborative, respectful dialog and creative solutions.
- Strong relationships with Paradise Valley’s schools, faith communities, resorts, and neighbors.

I would be honored to serve as a Paradise Valley Town Council member. Please feel free to contact me at [Karen@KarenLiepmann.com](mailto:Karen@KarenLiepmann.com).

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