## **NCAC Bio for Valarie Carr**

Background: Masters degree in Education and Masters degree in Pupil Personal Services (PPS-C). Married 40 years. 2 children (1 veterinarian, 1 Nuclear Sub Engineer U.S. Navy) 30+ years in public education, now retired.

Why Cambria? I lived the past 30 years in a small town called Yucaipa California. I always thought I would retire there. Urban overdevelopment, crime and pollution became rampant. I watched homelessness and criminality explode. I wanted to find a small town that still had a sense of safety and community. Cambria was the name that kept coming up. We bought a home here in 2020 and moved here permanently June of 2021.

Reason for NCAC: I was shocked to find the lack of governance here in Cambria. We have no mayor or city council to redress with critical issues. I see NCAC as our only connection to county government where officials show up at the meetings to listen. I have found several concerning items since I have moved to Cambria. These are the water issues, the homelessness issue, the preservation of our greenspace/forests, and keeping our beaches beautiful and healthy. We have a beautiful crown jewel that is called "Cambria". I want to preserve this beautiful little town and all the wonderful nature it has to offer.