

KSB President Tom O'Halleran Resigns to Make a Bid for Arizona State Senator

With great regret, the Board of Trustees of Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc. (KSB) accepted the resignation of its President Tom O'Halleran. Tom O'Halleran, long term Verde Valley volunteer and advocate for environmental preservation, has declared his candidacy for the State Senate seat for Legislative District 6 as an Independent. Formerly a Republican, O'Halleran served in the Arizona legislature for 8 years, from 2001 till 2009, first in the House, then in the Senate.

After his last term in the legislature, Tom O'Halleran devoted his time and energy to the mission of two local environmental organizations, the Verde River Basin Partnership (VRBP) and KSB. Tom is driven by his passion to preserve Arizona's spectacular natural environment which is doubly endangered by limited water resources and a seemingly unlimited human population growth in the state.

Tom has been at the helm of KSB for four years, steering the organization's efforts to protect and sustain the unique scenic beauty and natural environment of the greater Sedona area by educating and advocating on behalf of the KSB membership on zoning issues, community plans, Forest Service plans, dark skies, environmental impact studies and regional governmental issues. His leadership will be sorely missed.

KSB is ready to continue its mission. The Board of Trustees elected as President Norris Peterson, former Executive Vice President, and long-time member and Board member of KSB. Mike Yarbrough, a fairly recent arrival in Sedona and to KSB's Board, but already deeply engaged in KSB activities, was chosen as Executive Vice President, and Joanne Kendrick as Secretary. Abbie Denton remains Treasurer. Under their capable leadership, all current KSB programs will continue on their course.

To join KSB's environmental stewards in *Preserving the Wonder™* of our red rocks, please contact info@KeepSedonaBeautiful.org.

Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that, by acting through the stewardship of its members and volunteers, is committed to protecting and sustaining the unique scenic beauty and natural environment of the Greater Sedona Area. For more information about Keep Sedona Beautiful, please call 928.282.4938, or visit <http://www.keepersedonabeautiful.org/>.