

I am Rolando Chilian and I represent the Kingsridge/Walden area for the VLACD Board of Directors. I took the opportunity to serve on this board for a number of reasons. First, I love our area lakes because they are an asset to the Valparaiso Community. Secondly, the health of these lakes is vital to the health of our environment. The VLACD has the responsibility to monitor the condition of the lakes in our jurisdiction. Thirdly, since moving to the lakes area and into the VLACD district, I have been interested in helping the board run an efficient operation and in providing the best water and sewer service at the best cost to our customers. I am also one of those customers. In addition, I am a member of the Watershed Committee which is also concerned with the health of our lakes.

I was born in Caracas, Venezuela, but am an American citizen. I spent most of my life on the east coast. I came from New York to attend Valparaiso University where I met my wife of 52 years, Diane. We now have four children and eight grandchildren. We helped to raise ten foster children and have served as Court Appointed Special Advocates for neglected and abused children. I earned a Bachelors Degree in Music Education and a Masters in Music. In 2000, I retired after 40 years of teaching music, 28 of those years being with the Valparaiso School Band and Orchestra Program. I have been a professional musician, performing since 1955. My other love is flying. In that field, I was a flight instructor and flew corporate and charter flights. Now I work part time for the local music store, repairing brass instruments. I enjoy wood working, boating, walking, and I still love to fly.