

# Our Story

We were raised in Hillsborough, CA, 17 miles south of San Francisco. In USA, state taxes vary by state, and some states have no state taxes. California's highest tax rate is 13.3% or \$133,000 if your taxable income is \$1,000,000. Nevada has no state income tax and is only a 4-hour drive to Lake Tahoe or Reno. Many high-income Californians, realizing this, are now residents of Nevada by simply not residing in California for more than 6 months. For this reason, we moved in 2017 to a wonderful, gated community in Montreux, above Reno, and became Nevada residents.

Our home in Montreux was at an elevation of 1,700 meters, and shortly after moving there, David was diagnosed with interstitial lung disease (ILD), not conducive to high altitude, thus prompting another move.

With dear friends living near Kelowna, we became familiar with Predator Ridge and fell in love. We could maintain our state tax status in Nevada, live in California for less than 6 months, and spend our summer months at Predator Ridge playing golf at a far lower altitude.

Our search for the perfect home was extensive and not limited only to Predator Ridge. Our criteria were that it needed to be near an international airport and have a Costco (a sign of growth and prosperity). We both scoured listing after listing, and when identifying Falcon's Nest, independently used it to compare all other listings. After many months, we entered into a contract to purchase the property, never having seen it yet, but, of course, contingent on seeing it. When we finally toured the property, our expectations were not simply met but exceeded. Not just exceeded, but continually exceeded again and again, with the many built-in features that were too numerous to mention. So, why move?

We are saddened by our need to move back to the US, which was brought about by our residency in Canada not being permitted for more than six months, and the lack of free medical care available to us in the USA.