



# PALOS VERDES HOMES ASSOCIATION

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## Palos Verdes Homes Association Lacks Quorum for Board Election

President Philip Frengs announces the results of the annual meeting notice, proxy solicitation and ballot of the Board of Directors for the Palos Verdes Homes Association. The PVHA annual meeting was scheduled for January 12, 2016 in the City Hall chambers at Palos Verdes Estates.

A quorum of PVHA members must be represented either in person or by proxy to convene an annual meeting. For the first time in recent history a group of members contested the election of the incumbent Board of Directors. In December 2015, a group called ROBE put forth four candidates and a considerable public relations effort. Unfortunately, even with the increased activity and interest by this group, a quorum was not achieved.

Because of the 11<sup>th</sup> hour effort by ROBE, petition candidates were not able to be included on the notice and official ballot sent by PVHA, as the election materials had been developed, printed and mailed prior to ROBE's submission. ROBE first circulated a proxy and ballot that appeared to be originated by PVHA. PVHA objected because it could be interpreted by members that these candidates were endorsed by PVHA. ROBE then distributed a revised proxy and ballot under it's logo to PVHA members. This scenario with three different proxy and ballots being used created a labor-intensive task for the counting, verification and ballot tabulation not previously experienced by PVHA .

The Board of Directors retained the services of retired Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge, Michael A. Latin to serve as the inspector of elections. Under the direction of Judge Latin, and over a time frame of several weeks, the results have recently been completed and approved by Judge Latin for release. Judge Latin's letter is posted with this release on PVHA.org.

The final count, for purposes of a quorum were 1,772 verified proxies. To reach a quorum, 2,711 must be represented. Because of a lack of quorum there was no election. The incumbent Directors have been appointed to serve until the next annual meeting, in January 2017. One incumbent director, Mark Paullin resigned in December 2015. The PVHA Board will consider its options to appoint a director to fill that seat. When a director appointment is made, it will be published.

President Frengs, after adjourning the Annual Meeting for lack of a quorum on January 12, 2016, reported to the members assembled that because of the contested election, even though the counting of ballots was not required, that the BOD would continue to retain Judge Latin to supervise the tabulation of ballots for informational purposes only.

The results were as follows:

<u>Incumbent Directors</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Ed Fountain	920
Mark Paullin	908
Phil Frengs	942
Dale Hoffman	938
Carol Swets	1303
<u>Petition Candidates</u>	<u>Votes</u>
W. Richard Fay	603
Jennifer Laity	683
Mike Moody	674
Reid Schott	681

The PVHA Board of Directors thanks all who participated and appreciates everyone's patience while PVHA did everything reasonably possible to accommodate those who entered the election by petition, and made sure that the proxy and election process was completed properly at substantial cost under difficult circumstances.