

How to Make the PVHA Election Democratic

As for the 1,589 ballots for the January 2017 election, the Court should order them opened and counted and the top five winners *should be immediately inducted to the Board. The two with the most votes should be given a three-year term, the next person with most votes should be given a two-year term, and the two people with the least votes should each be given a one-year term. In the coming 2018 election, the two with the most votes will replace those two serving a one-year term.*

As for the upcoming election in January 2018, ROBE's suggestions include:

1. Lower the quorum for annual meetings and elections of board of directors from fifty percent (50%) to twenty-five percent (25%)
2. Direct the Homes Association to conduct at least 3 mailings of ballots each year in the 4-month period before the January election (unless a quorum is achieved after 1 or 2 mailings)
3. Allow for voting by written proxies
4. Allow for votes by members appearing in person at the January annual meeting
5. Allow for voting by members dropping ballots off in a lock-box at the Homes Association office
6. Require that if the Board adopts any procedure for challengers to appear on the ballot the incumbents must meet the same procedure to appear on the ballot
7. Allow for By-Law amendments to be approved by Homes Association members if there is a vote by forty percent (40%) of all members
8. Info sheet with bios/statements (with specific word count limit) included with ballot mailings
9. At least one "Candidates Forum" at a date and time acceptable to all candidates
10. A secure lock-box at PVHA needs to be able to be accessed from the outside by a door or wall slot
11. Opportunity to pick up a ballot at PVHA if owner loses or misplaces ballot
12. If quorum not met, then election automatically extended for some period of time (3 weeks?) allowing those who have not voted to continue to submit a ballot until the new deadline
13. Allow for cumulative voting