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How to Choose Your Community Board Members

The effectiveness of a homeowners association comes down to its board of directors. An HOA should control its assets and operations in keeping with local ordinances and its governing documents. The board of directors will need to understand the HOA's role and perform its duties with its mission statement in mind. They are there to ensure that the HOA fulfills its responsibilities and operates according to the law.

What is an HOA?

HOAs are the foundations of their residential communities. They preserve order and maintain common facilities. A well-run HOA will create a sense of community and maintain property values within the neighborhood. Membership in an HOA comes with maintenance responsibilities along with various obligations like following the HOA's rules. Individual homeowners must conform for the community's good.

An HOA may be responsible only for the most basic maintenance or it might perform services like waste management.

Who is qualified to join an HOA board of directors?

Valuable qualities for HOA board members include:

Leadership Skills

Members of the HOA are community leaders. Residents of the community will need to be confident in their board members' abilities to represent them. The community must be confident that all board members will act in their best interest.

Objectivity

Board members performing their duties will need to do so objectively. In other words, they cannot have biases.

A Desire for Service

In the context of an HOA board of directors, service means a will to act for the community's greater good. Board members must be willing to improve the community without the expectation of personal monetary compensation.

Mediation Skills

Mediating disputes between community members is one of an HOA board's responsibilities. It is a useful skill to be able to get all the involved parties to resolve their conflicts in ways that are satisfactory to all.

Good at Teamwork

The whole point of a board is to be able to make decisions collectively. They will need to support the board's position at all times. Board members should be able to do this even if they disagree with the other members' positions.

Takes the Responsibility Seriously

Board members are obligated to attend all meetings, so they will need to have the time to do this. Along with attendance, board members should also prepare themselves by researching the issues to be discussed and having relevant questions ready so that they can make informed decisions.

Serving on an HOA board can be a rewarding experience if it is pursued by those who want to serve their community. It is a task that must be taken seriously since it involves protecting community members' investments.

If you would like to learn more about HOA Board Member duties and responsibilities please feel free to set up a meeting with our HOAworks Association Management Expert.

It's free of charge and can help with a variety of questions you may have about your HOA from new to existing associations.

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