

Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Ballot Issue:

Should Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association continue to use Electronic Voting as a means to collect votes required to meet Annual Meeting requirements, as required by its by-laws, and state law for a period of no less than three years.

Should a similar means of electronic voting methods at a lesser cost become available, the Board of Directors will have the ability to change contractors to best utilize the financial resources of the community.

The average cost of using these services has been about \$2,400. If Electronic voting is disapproved for future years, the costs to print and mail ballots, as required would cost around \$1,200.

PROS:

- Independent collection of ballot information
- Results are available immediately after polls close
- No requirement to have members sign in at annual meeting (If quorum is met before the start of the annual meeting).
- Allows membership to cast ballot without having to mail it back
- Allows those without internet to cast ballot by phone
- No volunteers are needed to stuff envelopes, include discount cards or affix postage (more than 20 hours of volunteer time would be needed to complete)
- Mails out ballots, as required within 4 weeks of the Annual Meeting.
- Your vote is counted with your intention in a secure manner

CONS

- Ballots would have to be mailed back to the HOA and you give your vote to someone who will attend the meeting or to the HOA Secretary (Proxy voting)
- Manual counting of votes and verification that homeowner cast vote.
- Voting can only take place at the meeting
- A quorum of residents is required at the meeting before the meeting begins – In the past this process took anywhere from 45 minutes to an hour from the meeting start time and requires several volunteers.
- The cost of using the electronic voting method costs about \$1,200 more.
- Requires volunteers to stuff envelopes, include discount cards or affix postage (more than 20 hours of volunteer time would be needed to complete)

All active members are eligible to cast a vote, but is limited to no more than one (1) vote per active property within Mission Viejo HOA. An active member is defined as:

- Enrolled in the Pro Disposal Trash program
- Donated a minimum of \$30 during the previous year
- Volunteered time at one or more HOA sponsored events /activities

As with all election processes, the lower the turn out the higher the cost for each vote that is cast. Low voter turnout does not reduce the requirement to notify all active members of their right to vote or of the annual meeting, each of these elements is required by state laws and the MVHOA by-laws.