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LCPOA Election Security Committee Newsletter

Protecting Election Integrity: Understanding Proxies

✦ At a Glance

- Our POA has adopted **strict rules** to ensure fairness and compliance with California law.
- **Proxies must be filed with the Inspector of Elections no later than five (5) business days before an election**, and meet specific requirements.

👉 What is a Proxy?

A proxy is an authorization that, when properly executed, allows another property owner to cast your vote if you cannot attend an election in person.

While proxies are permitted under **California Civil Code §5130**, our POA has adopted specific rules to safeguard fairness.

📄 Our POA's Adopted Proxy Rules

To maintain transparency and integrity, the Board of Directors adopted the following rules regarding proxies:

- **Valid Forms Only:** Proxies must comply with **Civil Code §5130** and be issued directly to the Member by the Inspector of Election. Each proxy is **unique** to a Member and Lot and may not be transferred.
- **Proxyholders:** Must be Association Members.
- **No Alterations:** Proxies may not be altered after completion. Proxyholders cannot change or delegate a proxy once executed.
- **Corporate Entity:** Must provide written documentation of signature authority when submitting a proxy.
- **Deadline:** Completed proxies must be delivered to the Inspector of Election **no later than five (5) business days prior to the election**.
- **Ballots are Final:** Proxies do not permit retrieval or changing of ballots already cast.

✅ Why These Rules Matter

These safeguards are designed to:

- Protect each member's voting rights.
- Prevent bulk collection or improper manipulation of proxies.
- Ensure election fairness and transparency.
- Maintain compliance with California law and POA governing documents.
 - For the background regarding the proxy rules enacted by the Board, please see the Election Security Committee reports on Lcpoa.com and on Lacrestapoa.com.

💬 Member Reminder:

Following these proxy rules ensures that elections reflect the true voice of our community.

Sincerely,
Your Election Security Committee