

# Surf-in-Sider

Surfside Homeowners Association

## SPECIAL EDITION

September 30, 2024

### The New Floor Motion Ballot Process An Informational Update

Dear Members,

Hello everyone, this letter comes from your Surfside Election Committee to update you on the progress of the 2024 Floor Motion Ballot voting process for motions made at the July annual meeting. Twelve motions will appear on the ballot for voting FOR or AGAINST.

This year we engaged in a landmark change to the floor motion process at annual meetings. After being legally vetted, revisions to the Policy on Elections and the Procedure #101 on Elections were ratified by the Board of Trustees at its April 2024 meeting. The new policy and procedure provide our community with a floor motion process which gives the opportunity for all members to vote on floor motions by a mail-in ballot process.

*Why did we do this, you ask?*

First, the new floor motion process is to ensure a more relaxed environment at our annual meetings. Floor motions will not be voted on at the meeting to help alleviate crowd packing and charged emotional venting to influence passing a motion during the meeting. With the new vote-by-mail process, all members will be able to vote on floor motions whether or not they attend the annual meeting.

Secondly, by providing all members the opportunity to vote on the floor motions, we will receive a better representation of our community's voice as to the applicability of motions. We believe by having more members voice their opinions through a FOR or AGAINST vote, it will help our Board better understand the direction the majority of members want the Board to take on issues.

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Furthermore, this process allows for legal counsel review for each motion prior to voting. While some motions are simple and require little vetting, often complex motions may potentially be in conflict with the HOA governing documents and state statutes. (Think of it as a Measure Twice, Cut Once Principle)

The Election Committee has reviewed numerous resources from the meeting to assess and prepare a valid floor motion ballot and informational package. Below is the list of resources.

- Recorded audio from the two annual meeting sessions of July 13 and 27, 2024
- Speech to Text “Turbo Scribe” documents from both recorded meeting sessions
- Written Floor Motions from presenters submitted to the Executive Assistant to the Board
- Numerous sets of personal notes from Board members and committee folks
- Transcribed handwritten notes by the Executive Assistant to the Board

In summary, with the revised election procedures, your Election Committee is ensuring that the ballot is objectively and accurately supported by the resources available.

Additional resources will be available to members either by viewing online or by printed copies available from the HOA office. A HYPERLINK to the [Surfsideonline.org](http://Surfsideonline.org) website will link members to the written motions, meeting notes and audio recordings. For those who do not have internet available, please come to the HOA office for print copies of written motions and meeting notes.

**NOTE:** If not already registered, please register an account at the [www.Surfsideonline.org](http://www.Surfsideonline.org) website. Members must log in for viewing written floor motions and for listening to audio recordings of the annual meeting sessions.

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### Current milestones as developed by your Election Committee (EC):

- Completion of the ballot, sponsor rationale for each motion, and pro/con statements finalized and reviewed by the Board of Trustees
- September 27 - Test ballots will be sent to 10 members to validate the process. After validation, ballots and supporting materials will be printed
- October 10 - anticipate mailing ballot packet to members
- Members will have access to links on Surfsideonline.org web page to written floor motions, meeting notes, and audio recordings of the July 13 & 27 annual meeting sessions
- October 25 - 15-day deadline for all ballots to be postmarked by or deposited in drop box at HOA office
- Self-addressed return envelopes addressed to the independent Designated Election Committee Chairperson (DECC) and dropped off ballots will be delivered directly to DECC
- Timeline for ballot return and certification is 30 days
- Certified results from the DECC will be published in the Weekender and Surfsideonline.org web page. A certified copy will be posted in the HOA office

**NOTE:** Working through the dynamics of this new process to ensure accuracy and objectivity of information has extended the schedule since the annual meeting of July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your kindness and patience.

**PLEASE VOTE—YOUR VOICE MATTERS**

Sincerely,

Ron Brumbaugh, President

## Surfside HOA

### Weekender Sign-Up

The Weekender is a weekly E-Newsletter that is sent out each Thursday containing Surfside news and updates as well as local events. Please visit our website at [www.surfsideonline.org](http://www.surfsideonline.org) and click to sign up for the Weekender. Just add your name and email address.

### Surfside HOA Website

We also encourage you to [register](#) and create your own Surfside HOA account so that you can access all HOA information, committee minutes, Board updates and Financial documents. If you have any problems with your login, please call or email the office and ask for assistance.

Phone 360.665.4171

Email [office@surfsideonline.org](mailto:office@surfsideonline.org)

### AMS—Association Management Services NW

AMS is performing most of the HOA's accounting services. Please visit their portal and set up your account at [www.ams-nw.com/portal](http://www.ams-nw.com/portal). You will be able to manage your account through the portal and make payments of HOA Dues.