

Summary of Collection and Counting Ballot Process

1. Collection of Ballots:

- Homeowners are given a defined timeframe to submit their completed ballots.
- The submission deadline is communicated to all members via the upcoming annual meeting and election packet mailed to each homeowner.
- The OVA office and staff are not authorized to accept ballots.
- Completed Ballots must be sent by mail or dropped off at the designated place of business of the Inspector of Elections.
- Alternatively, ballots can be dropped off on the day of the election under the supervision of the Inspector before the commencement of the annual meeting.
- **Note**: Once the meeting has commenced, the Inspector of Elections will be unable to accept your ballot as valid and the ballot will not be counted.

2. Secure Storage:

- Upon receipt, the ballots are securely stored offsite by the Inspector of Elections until the counting process commences.
- This measure is taken to prevent tampering or unauthorized access by individuals.

3. Counting Process:

- The manual counting of the ballots takes place at an OVA Facility, specifically at the Berger Center this year. Counting is conducted by the chosen Inspector of Elections, Grapevine Property Services LLC staff.
- Members, association staff, or impartial observers are permitted to observe. OVA staff may assist in certain capacities if requested by the Inspector of Elections.

4. Announcement of Results:

- Upon finalization and verification of the counting process by the Inspector of Elections, the results are communicated to the homeowners.
- The announcement is scheduled to occur during the Organizational Meeting at approximately 2:00pm on the day of the ballot counting, April 1st, 2024.

In the coming weeks, each homeowner will receive an annual meeting and election packet containing the secret ballot package, along with detailed information and instructions.

Overall, transparency, accuracy, and adherence to established procedures are crucial to maintaining the integrity of the HOA annual ballot counting process, as well as following the guidelines set forth in the 2024 OVA Election Rules.