

# Board Statement on WestPark Annual Meeting Election Results

Dear Homeowners,

Your WestPark Board of Directors would like to address concerns that have been raised regarding the recent election held at our Annual Meeting. After careful review of the election process and consultation with our management company, Grandchester Meadows, we unanimously validate the results of the election.

## Election Process Review

Our review of the election process has found that:

1. **Proxy Submissions:** While not a flawless process, we did find that Proxies were handled according to the spirit of our governing documents. Our By-Laws do not set specific limitations on proxy submissions beyond filing with the Secretary. All proxies submitted online were validated by the Grandchester Meadows staff, and those submitted onsite were validated manually by the volunteers. No proxies were excluded for minor issues such as spelling errors or reasonable timing variances and no ballots were issued for proxies that were determined to be invalid. Also there were reasonable accommodations made to ensure homeowner participation wasn't unfairly restricted.
2. **Impartial Counting:** To ensure transparency, neutral tellers were selected from the audience to count ballots rather than having Board members perform this task. This decision was made specifically to eliminate any perception of bias in the counting process.
3. **Homeowner Participation:** Analysis of the voting patterns strongly suggests that homeowners who attended the meeting in person had a significant impact on the election results. This is evidenced by the different margins of victory in the two contested races, indicating that voters made independent choices on their ballots.
4. **Campaigning Methods:** Both in-person solicitation of proxies and the distribution of campaign materials by individuals running for board positions are standard practices in HOA elections and are not prohibited by our governing documents.

## Moving Forward

Your Board recognizes that some homeowners may be disappointed with the election results. However, we believe that the integrity of the election process was maintained and that the results accurately reflect the will of the homeowners who participated through attendance or valid proxies.

**Election Process Improvements:** Your Board commits to reviewing the entire election process in an effort to streamline procedures and eliminate the potential challenges we faced this year. We will work to establish clearer guidelines for proxy submissions, ballot counting, and other

election-related matters. Rest assured that these improvements will be in place well before our next election to ensure an even smoother process for all homeowners.

We encourage all homeowners to direct their energy toward the important community issues raised at the Annual Meeting. The newly constituted Board is committed to addressing these concerns and working together for the benefit of our community.

Thank you for your continued interest and participation in our association.

Sincerely,

Your Board of Directors