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Tierra Colinas Homeowners

The Board of Directors (Board) would like to encourage Tierra Colinas residents to be thinking about serving on the Board of the homeowners association (HOA). As you may be aware, the Board is elected to two year and one year terms at our annual membership meeting held each January. In order to publish a slate of candidates in advance of the January 26, 2016 election, we are encouraging folks to step up and run for office. The Board consists of five members. The composition of the current Board is four members, three appointed and one elected and one vacant. Our Bylaws allow for this contingency which enables the HOA to function when there are insufficient candidates to fill the positions. All current Board positions will expire in January 2016 at the annual meeting.

However, we think most Tierra Colinas residents would view an elected Board of their neighbors as more representative than one composed of appointees. Moreover, a Board with some new faces on it is likely to offer ideas that some of us longer-term directors might overlook. Finally, we are sure homeowners believe in the democratic process as the best approach to local governance. So, please consider serving a year or a couple of years as a Board member of your HOA. The Board meets approximately 6 times yearly for about 1.5 to 2 hours per meeting not including any special meetings called by Board members or at the annual meeting. This is not a great amount of time to contribute to the neighborhood. Ask yourself “what have I contributed to the community for the last year, 2 or 3 years”

More generally, our bylaws provide for votes to be cast in only two ways in elections. First, HOA members entitled to vote - essentially, those who are up-to-date on their assessments - may vote in-person, at the annual meeting in January, by secret written ballot. Alternatively, HOA members entitled to vote may do so through an agent - often a neighbor - authorized to act for them by a written proxy. We enclose a proxy for this purpose when we send written notification of the annual membership meeting and election, generally in December. Whichever way members decide to vote - and we hope you will vote in-person at the meeting - only one vote per lot can be counted.

Please submit your name in writing if you are willing to serve on the Board. Mail your letter to the mailing address of 36A Camino Loma Seco, Santa Fe, NM 87540.