

Sunland Village East
Other Association Business
Ballot Items

**On behalf of the Sunland Village East (SVE) Board of Directors (BOD), the Election Committee is proposing an Amendment or Modification to the SVE By-laws for the purpose of allowing electronic / on-line voting in addition to manual ballots, and a vote to construct on or modify a retention basin.
These items require an affirmative vote by the majority of the members of the Association, as outlined in Bylaw 6.5.6.**

- The current SVE Ballot items along with the proposed changes (**italicised and underlined**), and the rationale for the change are provided in this Ballot Narrative.
- The ballot is for your formal vote on whether or not you approve the proposed changes.
- You will be voting on the four (4) items listed below:
 - Bylaw 6.5 General Procedures for Electing Directors / and identified sub-bylaws.
 - Bylaw 6.6 Voting Procedures for Other Association Business / and identified sub-bylaws.
 - Approval in accordance with Bylaw 8.4.1.7 for the Modification of the Elections Procedure Manual to allow for Electronic/On-line Voting
 - Approval for the Board to construct on or modify the retention basin at the South Complex (just east of the Palo Verde Building) to develop 4-6 Pickleball Courts in accordance with Bylaw 8.4.1.6 .

The voting will begin on February 10th, 2018 and close at 4:00 pm on Tuesday March 13th, 2018

The Board of Directors and the Election Committee realize this is a lengthy document and we thank you for taking the time to read through the proposed items.

Current SVE Bylaw Reads	Proposed Changes	Rationale for Changes
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Bylaw 6.5. General Procedures for Electing Directors:		
<p>Bylaw 6.5.1: The voting process shall be by secret ballot and supervised by the Election Committee in accordance with the Election Procedures Manual. The Election Committee shall verify the eligibility of each voting Member by name and address prior to mailing ballots.</p>	<p>Bylaw 6.5.1: The voting process shall be by secret ballot and supervised by the Election Committee in accordance with the Election Procedures Manual. The Election Committee shall verify the eligibility of each voting Member by name and address prior to mailing ballots <u>electronically or manually.</u></p>	<p>Currently these Bylaws identify that ballots will be mailed. This change is necessary to allow the opportunity to provide electronic / on-line voting, as well as manually mailing ballots to voting members. It is necessary to obtain an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members of the Association (as outlined in Bylaw 6.5.6) to modify this bylaw and its associated sub-bylaws to allow members of the association to vote on SVE Association matters both manually or electronically.</p>
<p>Bylaw 6.5.2: Ballots shall be mailed in February to Members in Good Standing to addresses within SVE unless Members stipulate and file with the office a different address in writing.</p>	<p>Bylaw 6.5.2: Ballots shall be mailed <u>electronically or manually</u> in February to Members in Good Standing to addresses within SVE unless Members stipulate and file with the office a different address in writing.</p>	
<p>Bylaw 6.5.4: The Election Committee shall determine the place designated for return ballots. Ballots may be returned by mail as an absentee ballot or returned in person to an Election Committee representative.</p>	<p>Bylaw 6.5.4: The Election Committee shall determine the place designated for return ballots. Ballots may be returned by mail <u>or through electronic voting procedures,</u> as an absentee ballot or returned in person to an Election Committee representative.</p>	

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<p>Add 6.5.5.1</p>	<p><u><i>Bylaw 6.5.5.1: Electronic voting shall be conducted using the procedures established between the Election Committee Manager and the company providing the electronic (on-line) voting. Results of the electronic (on-line) voting will be provided to the Election Committee Manager at 4:00 pm on the Tuesday prior to the Annual meeting and will be deposited in the locked ballot box. The results will be added to the vote count on the Thursday in which the Annual Meeting is scheduled.</i></u></p>	
<p>Bylaw 6.5.8: When all ballots have been counted and recorded by the Election Committee, the ballots and supporting documents shall be placed in the ballot box and the box resealed. It shall remain sealed in the custody of the Manager for no less than thirty (30) days. After thirty (30) days, if no protest of the vote or request for recount has been filed, the ballot box shall be opened, and the voting materials destroyed by the Manager and the Election Committee.</p>	<p>Bylaw 6.5.8: When all ballots have been counted and recorded by the Election Committee, the ballots, <u><i>electronic results</i></u> and supporting documents shall be placed in the ballot box and the box resealed. It shall remain sealed in the custody of the Manager for no less than <u><i>one year (365 days) from the counting of the ballots.</i></u> After <u><i>one year (365 days)</i></u>, if no protest of the vote or request for recount has been filed, the ballot box shall be opened and the voting materials destroyed by the Manager and the Election Committee. <u><i>The count on the electronic ballots will also be put back in the lock box and kept for the required amount of time. AZ State Statue: 33-1812.7</i></u></p>	
<p>Bylaw 6.5.9: Ballots for the election of Directors shall be tabulated and the results indicating the total number of ballots cast shall be delivered to the Secretary for announcement at the Annual Meeting and be posted within twenty-four (24) hours after the Annual Meeting on the official Association bulletin board and other places as may be convenient to the Members, and emailed to Members who have provided their email addresses to the office.</p>	<p>Bylaw 6.5.9: Ballots <u><i>and electronic voting results</i></u> for the election of Directors shall be tabulated and the results indicating the total number of ballots cast shall be delivered to the Secretary for announcement at the Annual Meeting and be posted within twenty-four (24) hours after the Annual Meeting on the official Association bulletin board and other places as may be convenient to the Members, and emailed to Members who have provided their email addresses to the office.</p>	

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Bylaw 6.6. <u>Voting Procedure for Other Association Business</u>		
Bylaw 6.6.1 Members shall vote by absentee ballot or ballot delivered in person after a minimum of two (2) Special Meetings.	Bylaw 6.6.1 Members shall vote by absentee ballot or ballot delivered in person <u>electronically or manually</u> after a minimum of two (2) Special Meetings.	Currently these Bylaws identify that ballots will be mailed. This change is necessary to allow the opportunity to provide electronic / on-line voting, as well as manually mailing ballots to voting members. It is necessary to obtain an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members of the Association (as outlined in Bylaw 6.5.6) to modify this bylaw and its associated sub-bylaws to allow members of the association to vote on SVE Association matters both manually or electronically.
Bylaw 6.6.2.1 After a minimum period of ten (10) days following the meetings, the ballots shall be mailed in a process consistent with the provisions of Article 6 of these Bylaws.	Bylaw 6.6.2.1 After a minimum period of ten (10) days following the meetings, the ballots shall be mailed <u>electronically or manually</u> in a process consistent with the provisions of Article 6 of these Bylaws.	
Bylaw 6.6.2.5 Ballots for voting on specific matter(s) may be included with material and ballots mailed to Members for the election of Directors.	Bylaw 6.6.2.5 Ballots for voting on specific matter(s) may be included with material and ballots mailed <u>electronically or manually</u> to Members for the election of Directors.	
Bylaw 8.4.1.7 Modifications to the Elections Procedure Manual		
Bylaw 8.4.1. states: The Board shall be prohibited from taking the following actions without the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members of the Association: .7 amend or modify the Elections Procedure Manual. Currently the Elections Procedure Manual is written to allow only mailed (manual) ballots, and references electronic voting as " <i>easiest and the most difficult election fraud to police</i> " and references " <i>which SVE currently avoids by using manual ballots</i> ".	The Election Committee is seeking an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the association to incorporate electronic / on-line voting capabilities to the Elections Procedure Manual, and remove "<i>easiest and the most difficult election fraud to police</i>" and "<i>which SVE currently avoids by using manual ballots</i>".	The Sunland Village East Elections Procedure Manual identifies that ballots will be mailed to members of the association. This vote is necessary to allow the opportunity to provide electronic / on-line voting, as well as manually mailing ballots to voting members opting to not vote electronically and remove the verbiage stating electronic voting is the " <i>easiest and the most difficult election fraud to police</i> " and " <i>which SVE currently avoids by using manual ballots</i> ". It is necessary to obtain an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members of the Association (as outlined in Bylaw 6.5.6) to modify these items from the SVE Elections Procedure Manual.

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Authorization to Construct in Retention Basin in accordance with Bylaw 8.4.1

Bylaw 8.4.1. states: The Board shall be prohibited from taking the following actions without the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members of the Association: **.6 construct on or modify the general usage of any green belt area and or retention basin;**

This Bylaw prohibits the board from constructing on or modifying the general usage of any green belt area and or retention basin without an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the association (as outlined in Bylaw 6.5.6). The Sunland Village East Board of Directors is seeking an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the association to be allowed to construct on or modify the general usage of the western most retention basin located at the South Complex (just east of the Palo Verde Building) for the purpose of adding 4-6 Pickleball Courts. An Affirmative vote by the majority of members of the association (as outlined in Bylaw 6.5.6) is necessary to allow the development of 4-6 Pickleball Courts at the direction of the Association Board.