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Participation on the PHOA Board

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Hi Dawn,

Given your interest in running for a position on the Board, we did a little research and found that you can in fact self-nominate. Therefore, no write-in is required.

The Board's Nominating Committee has already accepted three candidates to run on the slate. If you self-nominate, you will be the fourth candidate for three open positions.

You should know that it has been the Board policy to discourage self-nomination, when that homeowner is currently in a building mode on his or her residence or has a potential conflict with a neighbor. I think you can understand that even the appearance of a conflict of interest, and the impropriety that represents, is not prudent or advisable. You will likely remain engaged in your own extensive project, as monitored by the Board, and potentially at odds with your next door neighbor in connection with her recently renewed submission for remodel, for some time. Each of these circumstances presents a potential for a conflict of interest, or at least the appearance of one, which we prefer to avoid.

Certainly, apparent and unplanned conflicts can arise for a Board member during his or her term of office. This requires the Board member to recuse him or herself on voting as to related issues, which can and has led to tie votes which seriously hamper the Board's function. We try to limit this complication with our policy to discourage nominations, where we know perceived conflicts already exists.

For these reasons, it our recommendation that you wait a year, let your apparent conflicts pass, and stand election in the following year.

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Larry Friedman