

## PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE HOA PRESIDENT

This is just a personal note from me, Dan Knauf, with a simple request for you. Each of you.

You will shortly be receiving in the U.S. mail a ballot about a proposed change to how we, at Park Trace, amend our Declaration of Restrictions (AKA “deed restrictions” or “covenants.”).

I urge you to read the ballot very carefully, and **actively cast your vote** (one way or the other), on this very important issue.

The fact is that we have extremely outdated deed restrictions, developer-friendly but not resident-friendly, which have almost never been changed or updated due to the extremely large super-majority required to change them under our current amendment language – which also fortifies the votes of those who simply don’t vote (for any reason) by counting them as active “no” votes!. The HOA literature is full of views/articles that healthy associations review and update their deed restrictions each year – to keep up with changes in the law and technology, and specific issues in any given community, among other reasons. Current Best Practices call for the amendment process the Board of Directors has recommended, our HOA attorney has approved, and is now before you for a vote.

To make this change we will need a full two-thirds (2/3) “yes” vote of the homeowners who are currently eligible to vote (homes more than 90 days in arrears of monies owed the association are not eligible to vote). So please, everyone just vote. You will have a self-addressed and postage-paid envelope enclosed with your ballot to make this as easy as possible for you.

And of course I am urging you to vote “yes” on this change. My wife and I have lived in Park Trace for ten years now, and I have seen all sorts of unnecessary conflict among neighbors and at Board meetings that ultimately stem from a poorly-written deed restriction dumped on us by the original developer.

We need to fix this.

Thank you,

Dan Knauf

President, Park Trace HOA, Inc.