



Eastern Gardens Co-op

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To: Eastern Gardens Membership

Subject: Election Campaigning

It is during this time of the year that we enjoy the holiday season with our family and friends and we are usually out and about. However, there is one exception to all of this and that is, each year in accordance with Eastern Gardens Bylaws, we are to hold the Annual General Meeting of Stockholders, (AGM). In addition to this, we are also to hold elections for the Board of Directors for the new upcoming year. It is this issue that I wish to address, specifically, election campaigning.

Though it is true, according to the California Corporations Code¹, that all candidates have a reasonable opportunity to solicit votes and all members a reasonable opportunity to choose among the candidates. But did you also know, that it is at the discretion of each association's board of directors to either allow or not to allow the use of corporation resources or the posting of fliers in the common areas? Such as the posting of materials in the clubhouse, laundry rooms, outside of buildings, lawn areas, picnic area, or any other common area of our community, this will also include the use of the corporation's paper, office machines, copiers and in some cases, management personnel.

Please be advised, that management has already received complaints concerning individuals who have posted negative signage against a candidate within the common areas. Also take note, that Eastern Gardens Board of Directors, whether past or present, have never created or amended any rules or regulations that would allow prospective candidates or members to utilize corporation funds, materials, the posting of campaign fliers/signage in the common areas, or the use of management personnel for the express purpose for association elections. Each candidate is to campaign at their own expense and hopefully in a positive manner.

Therefore, any candidate or member found in violation of the above will be subject and held accountable for management or board action.

Thank You and Happy Holidays,
Theresa Williams, FPI
Eastern Gardens Mgr./Director

¹ CA Corp. Code §7522(b)