Subject:

Petition to change the Bylaws re: Voting Proxies

Community Forum Members,

Currently our Bylaws do not include a process for proxy voting. I propose making the following modification to our Bylaws.

Please consider supporting this change to our Alamo Country Club Bylaws. The entire language of the motion is available at the end of this message.

Reason to support this change:

The membership passed a motion changing the RULE at the 2024 Annual Meeting so that <u>one</u> member could hold <u>one</u> proxy. Restricting the number of proxies held by an individual prevents a small number of voters controlling an election and/or ballot harvesting.

This motion is to make the RULE a BYLAW. Including this in our Bylaws makes changing it in the future to be more challenging as there are more steps to change a Bylaw than to change a Rule.

<u>We need a minimum of 105 valid signatures</u>. If you are interested in supporting this modification to ACC Bylaws, I ask that you contact one of the following individuals to review and sign the petition:

Diane Kitchen 215 Diana - Mario & Grace Ramos 432 Rexine -Sid & Terry Glandon 904 Palm Dr - Patti McLaughlin & Eric Danielson 940 Katrin - Dave Rossignol 240 Rebeca

Please remember if you are signing the petition Only **ONE** member per lot can sign the petition.

Thank you in advance for supporting this petition. Respectfully,

Rhonda Davison 926 Katrin Dr. Lot 587

Petition to change the Bylaw as stated below

Requires 20% of eligible lot owners (105 signatures needed)

Bylaw requested to be modified: (as stated in current Bylaws)

Currently our bylaws do not include a process for proxy voting.

<u>Suggested/Proposed Language Modification to state as: Suggested modification to state as</u> (striking through language/verbiage to be removed, please include additional language/verbiage if necessary):

1. All proxies shall be general and not limited. This means that the signer (giver) of the proxy initiates and delegates his/her voting power to their representative (the proxy) giving them the right to vote on behalf of the principal using the proxy's own discretion on all votes taken. The representative must be a Member of the Association who is entitled to vote and who is attending the meeting. Proxies shall be counted toward the quorum. Any Member who wishes his/her vote cast in his/her own discretion and not the discretion of his/her proxy should use the absentee ballots.

To clarify, the member voting on behalf of the lot will need to hold the assigned proxy, as only one member per lot is allowed to vote, see the information below:

- **Per: Bylaw **03.02 Voting Rights** Each Member shall be entitled to one vote per Lot owned on each matter submitted to a vote of the Membership. A Lot can have only one vote. For example, if a Lot is owned by two spouses, each spouse is a member, but the spouses will be limited to one vote on each matter brought before the Membership for a vote. Partial Lots are not entitled to a vote. (a partial lot is any Lot that has been divided into more than one part). Lots owned by the Association are not entitled to a vote.
- 2. The number of votes each proxy may have is a maximum of one (1). This is so that no one Member may control the vote.
- 3. All proxies are due at noon on the Monday before the annual meeting and cannot be rescinded after that date, in accordance with the Annual Meeting Rules, unless the Member is able to attend the Annual Meeting in person and vote themselves.

Reason/benefit for suggestion/Discussion/Comments regarding this change:

By adding this to our bylaws it will provide another way for our members to vote as according to Texas law HOA's do not have to offer proxy voting. The main advantage is that the giver of the proxy has a vote on ALL motions, including those presented during the meeting including hand motions, floor motions, and any other motions presented with no advance notice to Members not in attendance. Absentee ballots are spoiled/void/not counted when there is a modification to a motion that was on the original ballot. Restricting the number of proxies held by an individual prevents a small number of voters controlling an election and/or ballot harvesting. Including this in our bylaws makes changing it in the future to be more challenging to change as there are more steps to changing a bylaw.