

## **SHOULD I RUN FOR THE BOARD?**

Serving on the Board of a homeowner's association requires understanding the scope of the work. Here are eight questions all candidates should ask themselves if they have an inclination to run for election:

1. Do I have the time to devote to my responsibilities as a board member? Don't volunteer if you don't have the time to do the job right or can't attend meetings.
2. Do I work well with others? A Board of Directors is not a place for loners or rebels. To function well, board members must work as a team.
3. What is the underlying reason I want to be on the board? While there is no one right reason, you should know what is motivating you to volunteer. Does it conflict with the goals of the board? Is it your desire to be a change agent?
4. Can I be sued personally while serving on the board? Our HOA has insurance that protects board members from legal action.
5. Have I examined financial records? You need to be familiar with the operating and reserve budgets.

What are the expectations for board members? You may be expected to support something with which you don't agree.

6. Do I have thick skin? Serving on a board is not for the faint of heart or overly sensitive people. The board may be subject to criticism.
7. Am I committed to seeing my term through? Don't volunteer if you're not. Be committed to serving your full term.