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Candidates forum set for tonight

With more than five candidates appearing on the official Palos Verdes Homes Association ballot for board of directors sent to homeowners this week, a "Meet the Candidates Night" is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. tonight in the downstairs Gallery Room of the Malaga Cove Library. All eight candidates have been invited to attend for a Q&A from the public and questions from a moderator, said John Harbison, organizer of the opposition slate, Residents for Open Board Elections.

Incumbents Carolbeth Cozen, Phillip Frengs, Ed Fountain, Dale Hoffman and Carol Swets are facing challengers Marlene Breene, Dick Fay and Ried Schott.

PVHA manager Kim Robinson said it's up to the candidates if they want to attend the ROBE-sponsored forum.

Ballots-by-mail must be returned before Jan. 4. In order for the annual election to count, a quorum of 50 percent of homeowners in Palos Verdes Estates and Miraleste must participate.

Last year, the election did not count after a minimum quorum was not reached. Just 1,772 valid ballots were counted out of a total of 2,101 ballots received — 939 votes short of the 2,711 votes needed out of 5,420 to qualify an election as valid.

For more information on ROBE and its candidates, visit pvegoodgov.org.

For more information on the PV Homes Association and the candidates, visit pvha.org.

— Ed Pilolla