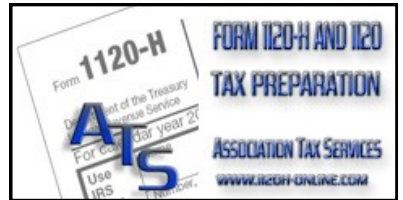




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Protecting your own investment is just one reason to serve as a volunteer for your Association, though. Below is a list of 10 important reasons to serve on an Association board.

1. Protect Your Property - One of the top priorities of all board members should be to protect the value of all homes in the community. This is not a self-serving act; it is an obligation to all members of the Association. Being involved on the board puts you in a better position to make and implement rules that directly affect property value, especially if they require decisions about the Association's budget or routine maintenance.

2. Correct Problems – If you notice problems in your community, such as parking violations, maintenance issues, or situations with unruly neighbors, you can help to correct them by serving on the board.

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You're from New York City if...

- You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.
- You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
- You think Central Park is "nature."
- You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multilingual.
- You've worn out a car horn (if you have a car).
- You think eye contact is an act of aggression.

You're from California if...

- You made over \$250,000 a year and still can't afford to buy a house.
- The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.
- You know how to eat an artichoke.
- You drive your rented Mercedes to your neighborhood block party.
- When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there rather than how many miles away it is.
- The four seasons are: Fire, Flood, Mud, and Drought.



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HOA Dues: 8 Steps to cutting the costs	The author of this article states ways that the owner of a condominium can positively impact their HOA dues.	National
Residents of Sellersville Mews bristle at HOA fines	Homeowners believe their association is using false and capricious fines to control the elections. Anyone who has fines on their account is not in good standing and is not allowed to run for the board.	Pennsylvania
HOA boards need to keep up on new laws	Board members attending classes and recalling of a board member are topics of this Q & A.	Nevada
HOA rebukes homeowner for 3 years over use of wood-burning device	A 23-year resident is battling her association for the use of a metal fire pit. The board states the fire pit violates the rule that protects her neighbors right to quiet enjoyment of their property.	California
Action 9: HOA fines woman \$11,000 for warped fence	A woman who bought a home with a rundown fence was fined \$25 a day for more than 400 days. After purchasing the home she did not have the money to repair the fence and did not feel she should be fined since it was that way when purchased.	North Carolina
Idaho Community Launches Floating Island to Clean Lake	A floating island has been installed on a polluted lake that will help eliminate pollution by sucking up phosphorus.	Idaho
Solon Planning Commission approves split-rail fence for Sherwood Park homeowners' group	A homeowners association is asking permission to install a fence to delineate the boundary between the association property and public access to the lake. The HOA president says the fence will keep out people who attend functions at the lake.	Ohio
Terwillegar homeowners vote to fight housing project	A homeowners association is fighting to keep a transitional housing project out of their neighborhood. The proposed complex is for those who need a home, or are dealing with addiction.	Canada
Galveston condo association blames denial of windstorm certification on contractor	A condominium association is taking a contractor to court for installing inadequate windows. The contractor was to install windows that would resist impact and allow the association to obtain windstorm certification. They windows they installed are keeping them from the certification.	Texas