

# Low voter turnout nixes PV Homes election

Not enough homeowners participated in the Palos Verdes Homes Association's annual election, leaving the four incumbents to remain in office and appoint someone to fill the vacant seat of former president Mark Paulin who resigned on Dec. 31.

A minimum quorum of 2,711 votes are needed out of 5,420 to qualify an election as valid. However, just 2,101 votes were cast — 610 votes short, officials announced at the 91st annual meeting of the homes association Tuesday evening.

The low voter turnout leaves in place the incumbents, Edward Fountain, Phil Frengs, Dale Hoffman

and Carol Swets.

Although the election is invalid, the votes are nonetheless being counted by retired Superior Court Judge Michael Latin, who was hired by the homes association as an independent election observer. The homes association, which is a non-profit corporation, will published the final election results at a later date.

The four challengers — Dick Fay, Jennifer Laity, Mike Moody and Ried Schott — were supported by Residents for Open Board Elections, a coalition of residents opposed to the homes association's recent stance on parkland issues.

— *Ed Pilolla*