

QUESTION 17 – ELECTION INTEGRITY

1. Do you believe the decision to publish Mr. Register's resignation letter in the BCCA newsletter was a correct use of community resources? If so, why? If not, why not?
2. What steps have you taken/are you taking to demonstrate that you are accountable, transparent, and committed to a fair BCCA election? For example, would you support giving all homeowners in good standing the same opportunity Mr. Register was given to express our personal opinions about the election and people we do not support in the BCCA newsletter?

Listed Alphabetically

Michael Cunningham: No, I do not believe the Board should involve itself in the campaign. The Board and its members not running should present a neutral body, so those who may win a seat feel welcome. Unfortunately, for the past six weeks, they've shown they're not capable of that. From board members engaging in debate in social media about what is or is not proper to repeatedly (and ironically) emailing the entire neighborhood to campaign against Liz, Mark, and myself, the Board has tried to delegitimize the challengers to the Board.

The three of us, meanwhile, have committed ourselves to share everything we can. We have shared the videos of our first two town halls and will share our other ones in the future. We are posting all our answers to all the community's questions on our website, which is open to anyone to view. I hope to bring the same ideals to the Board and not use the tools at the Board's disposal only if it's to the Board's benefit.

If elected, I will only serve one term, and I will not endorse any other candidate. I will also recommend a Campaign and Nominations Committee free from board influence or interference. Let the neighborhood decide on its own. Let the candidates run their own campaigns. Otherwise the Board should remain neutral.

Jennifer Drake: In full transparency, I support extending to the community any resignation letters from our valued committee or BOD members if they so choose. Brad Register ensured the HOA financials and reporting was always beyond reproach and as reflected in our latest outstanding audit. It will not be easy to replace him, and it was my pleasure to work alongside a true professional who gave his all to this community.

All the BOD members are thoughtful concerned homeowners working for the best interest of Briar Chapel. We all live here. While we each have our different fields of expertise and strengths, we utilize our resources

as well. Consulting our excellent attorney, we all believe the membership has the right to know why their "CFO" no longer wishes to serve their neighbors.

Mark Goodwin: In my opinion, the decision by the board to publish the finance committee member's resignation letter was morally wrong, discriminatory, and given its content, reckless. Giving any individual exclusive, preferred access to a management tool platform to air personal opinions or grievances is stunning in its breach of fiduciary duty. No other individual, to my knowledge in the seven years I have lived in this community, including under the Newland regime, was permitted to disseminate clearly personal and biased opinions in this manner. This is the sort of selective access to the use of community assets that gets homeowner boards in trouble. That is flat-out reckless of the board to permit such a thing.

It is not appropriate or fair for the BCCA's management to grant access to its email distribution list, in this case the 10/04/2021 email "**Manager's Monday - Community Updates 10.4**", to be used as a tool by the board or any single individual to influence the board elections. This action taken by the board is just the latest incident where the board has used the community's management resources in an attempt to undermine the BC Change candidates. These actions have undermined the integrity of our election and damaged the board's credibility. These reckless, biased actions, more than anything else, demonstrate the need for change in our board composition.

I do not support allowing any board member, candidate or homeowner to express their individual personal opinions in the BCCA management reports, not during an election, not under any circumstances. Other than to announce or remind residents of neutral election information, the management reports should not be used as a tool to influence the results of an election.

As a candidate on the BC Change slate, I have been very open with the community on our platform, which is available to everyone on our website. We have had Zoom meetings that have been open to the whole community. I have participated in these meetings, spoken to residents at gatherings and answered all the questions posed by the nominating committee. I believe these things demonstrate that all three of us have been accountable, transparent and committed to improving our community.

We don't deserve this treatment from the board, and neither does the community as a whole.

Vonzell Jones: 1. I don't think I completely understand this question in regard to the use of resources. If it is intended to address the appropriateness of the letter, then please see my response below.
2. Through my time on both the covenants committee and the board, I have volunteered my knowledge, time, and energy to serving this community and have done so at every step with integrity and that is without question. I have participated in this election within the rules and guidelines that have been set before me and have not used any avenues to promote myself that are not available to my fellow candidates as I believe that no matter what the outcome of the election, it should reflect the will of the community. Mr. Register's resignation letter was shared with the community for the sake of transparency. Committee members and the chairs of those committees are appointed publicly at board meetings and their resignation is public as well. This letter was presented by Mr. Register on his own accord and requested that it be shared with the community to specifically explain why he was stepping down from the most important position during budget season. The board did not have to agree with such a choice.

Liz Rolison: : I believe the BCCA's decision to publish Mr. Register's resignation letter was inappropriate. Mr. Register is welcome to share his reasons for resigning and his opinions, that is any resident's right, but by having the BCCA publish this letter they have in effect endorsed and supported it. Their action calls into question their ability to conduct this election fairly. Does the board want to send a message to the community encouraging current committee members to resign? Is that in the best interests of the community or is it done to serve personal agendas?

I've had a lot of people ask me why I'm running for the board and am I sure that I want to be in the middle of so much controversy and negativity. I've been watching the board closely for the last few years and I am concerned about the tone and direction they are setting in our community. I decided that rather than complain about it, I would get involved by running for the board. I found two other residents, who felt similarly about wanting to make a change and bring more openness and transparency to our board. No question, we are challenging the status quo and we are proposing some changes – **with a focus on transparency on decision making and how the board collaborates and works with our community.** This should be a standard business practice and if it isn't, it raises concerns.

As I stated in an earlier response if elected to the board, I would call for the Nomination Committee to be empowered to operate independently of the board during elections and to oversee election activities according to the Bylaws of our community. Further active board members assigned to the Nominating Committee should agree/sign a neutrality agreement. I think recent actions have proven, that allowing the board to manage the election while actively running for re-election and having a board member on the Nominating Committee creates an opportunity for bias, real or perceived, in the process.