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Dear Clearwood Community Members,

This AGM demonstrated something truly special about our community. We had an unprecedented number of residents willing to step forward and offer their time and talents in service to the Association, and that, in itself, is something worth celebrating.

As we conclude this year's Board member selection, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to every member who chose to run for a Board seat. Volunteering in our community requires a willingness to dedicate personal time and energy to something larger than ourselves. Every candidate who stepped forward demonstrated a commitment to our neighborhood, and I sincerely thank each of you for your eagerness to serve. Whether selected or not, your participation reflects a desire to contribute to the future of our community.

I also want to thank all of our residents who voted - your participation matters. By casting your ballots, you made your voices heard and clearly expressed your wishes regarding the future direction of our Association. Strong communities are built through engagement, and this Board selection showed that our residents care deeply about where we are headed.

For many years, I have shared a consistent message: the Association always needs volunteers. Year after year, only a small number of residents, usually the same few dedicated people, have stepped forward to help with the governance of our community. This year was different. We saw an unprecedented level of interest from neighbors willing to give their time and talents in service to others. That is something I find both promising and inspiring.

To those who were not chosen for a Board seat, I encourage you not to let this be the end of your involvement. There are many ways to contribute beyond serving on the Board. Committees are a great place to start! They provide meaningful ways to make a positive impact, and I hope you will continue to stay engaged.

As I reflect on the AGM results, one takeaway stands out. The overwhelming majority of participating voters appear to support the current direction of the Association's governance and management. At the same time, it is clear there are members of our community who hold different perspectives and would like to see changes. Those voices are important as well. I am interested in engaging with anyone who would like to have a constructive conversation about their concerns, ideas, or vision for our community. We may not always agree, but we can always listen, learn, and work toward solutions together.

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Looking ahead, we have already begun planning for a comprehensive review and modernization of our governing documents. Significant legal changes affecting homeowner associations are happening in 2028, and we want to ensure our documents are prepared in advance. As part of this process, we will carefully evaluate what provisions continue to serve the community well, what may need updating, and what changes we may wish to propose for homeowner consideration.

Above all else, I am reminded that we are a community that cares deeply about one another and about the place we call home. We may have different opinions from time to time, but our shared commitment to the success of this neighborhood is evident. For that, I am incredibly grateful. Thank you again to all who ran, all who voted, and all who continue to contribute to making our community a wonderful place to live.

Respectfully,
Racheal Paige
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