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## Tolomato Owners Org. – Special Interest Group Election Newsletter THANK YOU!!

The Tolomato Island election of the Board of Directors is over. In unofficial results, Fresh Candidates will fill 3 of 7 positions – the Board was expanded to 7 members to resolve a 3-way tie. Based on 2-minute speeches at the Annual meeting, there is much work to do to find common ground, and heal the division created over the past years. We pray, that all Directors will find a way to work toward consensus on all matters before them.

**Participation** – The election was a tremendous success in regards to increasing participation. Ciphering 2022’s voting, there were approximately 85 votes. Ciphering 2023’s voting, we had 195 voters (unofficially). Nobody increases participation by over 100%. THAT IS SPECTACULAR!!

That increase is largely about us, the Newsletters, SIG, the Web site, mailings, and personal contact. Those communications motivated owners and ultimately, they participated. Tolomato Island has changed. Going forward, regardless of how owners voted, there will be 100 more sets of eyes watching. That is wonderful.

### Election Results TIPOA 2023

Flowers	111
Bigham	101
Shaner	100
Vaughn	98
Brenton	96
Long	96
Rowe	96
Bagwell	94
Fardy	93
Anderson	90

**Contacts** – We contacted everyone, all 261 owners. We found dozens of owners that got nothing from the Board all year long, except a bill and a voting packet. Many of those owners contacted became voters. Going forward they will demand they receive all the information from the Board that was formerly sent to just an anemic “official” email list.

**Directed Proxies** – Our arguing to get directed proxies made a difference. Owners in big numbers filed directed proxies, and our honest broker agents voted exactly as they wished. We assume the other team received primarily directed proxies. Not only did owners vote for the candidates of choice, directed proxies eliminated the ability to manipulate votes.

**Our Thanks** – The Tolomato Island Owners Special Interest Group is grateful and humbled by this year’s participation in the Board of Directors’ elections. We know that voting for some, was a hard personal choice, and risky in terms of long-standing personal relationships. Still, you did vote. You reasserted, the owners, not the elected officials, are the association. Thank you.