

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HCREC'S ANNUAL DIRECTOR ELECTION

Why do I return my vote with two envelopes?

HCREC needs to check off that each member voted to ensure that only one vote is cast per membership. Without the outside envelope that is labeled with your name, the cooperative cannot count that vote.

Does HCREC know how each member voted?

No. Your ballot is not associated with your name. Nothing is opened until the day of the director election under the guidance of our attorney's from Sullivan and Ward. The outside envelope is where we note who submitted a ballot, and then the inside envelope containing the filled ballot is not marked with any identifying information. The inside ballot is the one that is opened by the ballot counters the day of the director election.

Does it matter when I vote?

Not at all! We encourage our membership to vote in a way that is the most convenient for them. Members who vote by mail are eligible to win a \$20 bill credit. Members who vote in person will receive a free HCREC gift (while supplies last).

Why do members have to vote if there's only one eligible candidate per district?

Voting is still required to make HCREC's Director Election official. Even in uncontested races, we must reach a quorum of participating members in order to certify the results. Without sufficient participation, the results of the election cannot be finalized.