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New Year's Resolutions for community associations:

1. That all the people in planned communities and condominiums work together to make their communities better. It would be great if personal issues could be set aside for the common good and factions no longer existed within communities.

2. That good people are willing to volunteer their time to serve on boards. Serving on the board of a community association or condominium is often worse than a thankless job. The job frequently comes with criticism from all sides and places volunteers in a no-win situation. Every new law passed makes it more difficult to serve on the board and creates more opportunities for those who want to file suits and ALJ complaints.

3. That communities are blessed with good managers. The quality of life within a planned community or condominium is often directly linked to the quality of management. The management team provides valuable services for the community and can help create a positive sense of community.

4. That the enormous silent majority becomes engaged at the Legislature and in elections. The past few years have resulted in many bills being passed to appease just a few people. Legislating to the lowest common denominator is causing financial hardships and creating division and litigation in communities.

5. That those who want to criticize the volunteers will step forward to volunteer their time on boards and committees. It is always easier to sit on the sidelines and judge the actions of others. However, communities need more people who want to be part of the solution.

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