

HOA

Know your HOA before the buyer does

A buyer will get all of this during their document review. You want to know what is in there first, because the surprises are almost never good ones and they always arrive under a deadline.

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| ☐ Current dues and what they include | ☐ The current budget |
| ☐ Reserve balance and reserve study | ☐ Any special assessment, current or discussed |
| ☐ Board minutes for the last year | ☐ Upcoming capital projects |
| ☐ Master insurance policy and deductible | ☐ Parking rules and what conveys |
| ☐ Storage assignments | ☐ Pet restrictions |
| ☐ Rental restrictions and minimum stays | ☐ Amenities and any usage fees |
| ☐ Any litigation involving the association | ☐ Recent improvements and how they were funded |

The one to check first

Special assessments. A discussed but unvoted assessment can still affect a buyer's decision and their lender's. Read the minutes, not just the budget, because that is where the conversation about next year's roof actually happens.

TUCKER'S TIP

Order the status letter early rather than at the deadline. Rush fees are real and entirely avoidable, and the document sometimes takes longer to produce than anyone expects.