

Definition of Participation in Community Governance (“Active Member”)

A clear definition of Participation in Community Governance is essential to ensure that decision-making power is aligned with actual engagement and responsibility. Without measurable criteria, participation becomes **subjective** and can lead to **passive involvement, unclear expectations, and erosion of trust** in the process.

By establishing **transparent and measurable standards**, the community ensures **fairness, accountability, and continuity in governance**, while preventing situations in which individuals retain influence without meaningfully contributing to collective decisions.

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Participation in community governance is defined as the combination of **Responsiveness, Contribution, Attendance and Accountability**.

- **Responsiveness:**
"Active Members" must respond to at least **50% of formal proposals** within the defined timeframe via approved communication channels (meetings, email or Telegram).
- **Contribution:**
"Active Members" must contribute to at least **two (2)** substantive discussions during the defined timeframe, by expressing perspectives, questions, agreements, or objections with reasoning.
- **Attendance:** "Active Members" must either:
 - o attend at least **two (2)** weekly community governance meetings within the defined timeframe, **or**
 - o actively participate in **one or more** community governance work groups with comparable frequency and engagement.

Attendance in either format must be in the context of community governance and documented through approved channels.
- **Accountability:**
In cases of disagreement, "Active Members" are expected to actively engage in follow-up dialogue (via email or meetings, online or in person) to support the process of reaching consensus. Additionally, no "Active Member" may remain inactive (no responses or engagement) for a continuous period **exceeding 60 days**.

Voting alone does not constitute sufficient participation. Participation requires active engagement in the deliberation and consensus-building process as defined above.

Definition of Responsibilities of Owners / Trustees

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Owners (Trustees) are the legal stewards of the property and hold shared responsibility for its long-term integrity, value, and legal standing. They are expected to collaborate in land use planning, contribute proportionally to agreed expenses, and avoid actions that create material nuisance or conflict.

Trustees retain final authority in matters that significantly affect the property, including residency decisions, major land development, and public representation, and are responsible for exercising this authority in alignment with the project's vision and sustainability.