

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON COMMON OWNERSHIP
COMMUNITIES**

Statement of Understanding and Agreement to Mediate

By signing below, I agree to participate in a mediation conducted under the auspices of the Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities. I understand that:

Mediation is a voluntary process in which a trained impartial mediator assists parties in their attempt to resolve a dispute in a mutually satisfactory manner. Any party may cease participation in the mediation process at any time, and any party may consult with legal counsel during the mediation or prior to signing any agreement reached.

The mediator's role is to aid the parties in reaching agreement, but the power and authority to achieve a settlement rests solely in the hands of the parties themselves. The mediator may offer suggestions, but cannot make decisions, dictate results, provide legal advice or act as an advocate for any party.

The mediation will be structured by the mediator in whatever way the mediator believes will best assist the parties to express concerns and interests, discuss issues, and explore possible resolutions, and may include both joint and separate sessions. The attendance in joint session of persons other than parties and their counsel (if present) will be at the discretion of the mediator.

The entire mediation process is confidential. All communications by participants and the mediator made in connection with the mediation or during any session are confidential, and may not be disclosed or used for any purpose outside the mediation. The parties agree not to subpoena the mediator, or any documents submitted to the mediator, in any other proceeding, and in no event will the mediator voluntarily testify. However, the mediation agreement itself, if any, is not confidential unless both parties agree in writing; and the result of the mediation (whether it is successful or not) will be part of the public record in the dispute.

Complainant Date

Respondent Date

Mary Dolbashian

Mediator

Date