

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC  
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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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**HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.**

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You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above company, and the materials you should review before you cast your vote are now available.

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.**

*Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc.  
110 West Front Street  
P.O. Box 500  
Red Bank, New Jersey 07701*

**Shareholder Meeting to be held on March 19, 2009  
Proxy Materials Available**

- Notice and Proxy Statement
- Annual Report

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**See the Reverse Side for Meeting Information and Instructions on How to Vote**

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## Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: March 19, 2009  
Meeting Time: 10:30 a.m.  
For holders as of: January 22, 2009

### Meeting Location:

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP  
425 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

## How To Vote

### Vote In Person

Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the Meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

### Vote By Internet

To vote **now** by Internet, go to [WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM](http://WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM). Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

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## Voting items

**Proposals to be voted on at our Annual Meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.**

1. Election of Directors:
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|------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1) Kevork S. Hovnanian | 5) | Joseph A. Marengi   |
| 2) Ara K. Hovnanian    | 6) | John J. Robbins     |
| 3) Robert B. Coutts    | 7) | J. Larry Sorsby     |
| 4) Edward A. Kangas    | 8) | Stephen D. Weinroth |

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2. Ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2009.
3. Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournments thereof.

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR each of the nominees listed in proposal 1 and FOR proposal 2.**

**See below for the 12-digit Control# to the right of the arrow.**

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