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### Sun Sentinel Town Hall meeting draws large crowd, lots of questions

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About 250 people - representing South Florida unit and home owners, board members, property managers, attorneys and more - attended the Sun Sentinel Condos & HOAs Town Hall meeting last week.

Thank you to everyone and everybody who helped make the Oct. 29 event a huge success. We truly appreciate everyone who took the time and trouble to make the trek to the Nova Southeastern University campus in Davie, where the meeting was held. Of course, the town hall meeting followed our successful online chat on Condos & HOAs hosted at SunSentinel.com two days earlier. We had nearly 300 unique visitors who posed about 187 questions. We (myself and guest bloggers Donna Berger and Jan Bergemann) did our best to answer our as many as possible. We plan to host another chat soon.

And we appreciate the lessons we learned that night, most notably that most South Floridians working or living within a community association have serious questions and are seeking help.

Most of the questions fell into three categories: Association finances, insurance requirements and what you should know about state laws, and finally, all things foreclosures.

We were able to tackle some of the questions posed by our live audience and from many of you who sent in questions beforehand via this blog and e-mail. And while we were not able to get to all of them, our plan is to get to many of them in the coming weeks in my blog and column and in the posts of our in-house guest bloggers, Donna Berger and Jan Bergemann.

**What you can do:** If you have questions, join our Condos & HOAs online community at [www.sunsentinel.com/condos](http://www.sunsentinel.com/condos) and let us help. And if you are a visitor with answers, join the conversation and share what you know. Our goal is to build a one-stop-shop for all things community association, a place where you can find answers, bring up issues and develop conversations and proposals that could lead to change.

**Please understand:** We cannot answer every message or question. But I read each one and do my best to incorporate them in our ongoing coverage.

**And let me extend an extra special thanks** to our Town Hall meeting guest speakers: Jan Bergemann, President of Cyber Citizens for Justice Donna D. Berger, Executive Director of Community Advocacy Network (CAN); managing partner at Katzman Garfinkel Rosenbaum Gary A. Poliakoff, Attorney at Law, Becker & Poliakoff, P.A. and professor at Nova Southeastern University's Law School William Raphan, Supervisor of the Fort Lauderdale Office of the Condominium Ombudsman of the State of Florida State Rep. Julio Robaina, R-Miami.

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