

HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES INC  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

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*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.*

The following materials are available for view:

**2008 Proxy Statement (including annexes), Class A Common Stock Proxy Card and Class B Common Stock Proxy Card (for registered holders), as applicable, our 2008 Annual Report to Shareholders, and any amendments to the forgoing materials that are required to be furnished to shareholders.**

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ENTERPRISES, INC.**

**V o t e I n  
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.

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meeting date. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

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**Meeting Location**

The Annual Meeting is to be held on March 31, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at: Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP  
425 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

**DIRECTIONS TO THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES, INC.**

Please call our Investor Relations department at 1-800-815-9680 for directions to the Company's 2008 Annual Meeting.

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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 |

2. Ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2008.

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3. Approval of the Company's amended and restated Senior Executive Short-Term Incentive Plan.
4. Approval of the Company's 2008 Stock Incentive Plan, which is intended to supersede and replace the Company's amended and restated 1999 Stock Incentive Plan.
5. Approval of the Company's amended and restated 1983 Stock Option Plan.
6. 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 proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5.**

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