



Neighborhood Council Boards

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION ALTERNATIVES SURVEY

The City Clerk was not provided funds in the City's 2011-2012 Budget to conduct the 2012 Neighborhood Council (NC) Elections, and NC Elections as administered by the City Clerk were postponed until 2014.

The City Clerk was instructed by the City Council to perform a study on alternative methods for conducting NC Elections. The purpose of this study will be to ascertain what each NC's preferences are for conducting NC elections, and to lay out all options for the City Council and Mayor to review.

To accurately reflect each NC's preference, the City Clerk has distributed the attached NC Election Alternatives Survey to each of the 95 NC Boards for completion. So that the opinions of each and every NC can be accurately documented, it is critical that each NC Board complete this survey by **January 6, 2012**. Please do not miss this opportunity to contribute your NC's position on this important issue. If your Board has any questions or concerns regarding the survey, please call the City Clerk-Election Division at (213) 978-0444 or email us at clerk.electionsnc@lacity.org.

In addition, the City Clerk has extended an opportunity to any and all NC stakeholders to submit their comments by completing an individual survey which is available on the City Clerk's website.

Once again, your NC Board Survey must be completed and submitted to the City Clerk-Election Division no later than January 6, 2012 in order to be included in the final report to the Mayor and City Council.



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please print clearly and legibly.
2. Please complete and sign the "Board Action and Approval" section at the end of this survey.
3. Please submit this survey to the City Clerk-Election Division by **JANUARY 6, 2012**.

POSSIBLE 2012-2013 NC ELECTIONS

1) Is your NC willing to postpone elections until 2014, as determined by the City's 2011-2012 Budget and Administrative Code restrictions placed on the City Clerk?

- Yes (Skip to Question 3)
- No (Please explain)

2) If your NC Board would like to hold a non-City Clerk election prior to 2014, what is your Board willing to consider in terms of cost of the election? Please check all that apply.

- Contribute a limited amount of funds toward the cost of the election (e.g., outreach)
- Cover the full cost of the election
- Utilize the Town Hall selection process and forgo the election process*

** According to the City Attorney's Office, an election requires a mandatory secret ballot whereas a selection only requires an open or public ballot.*

FUTURE NC ELECTIONS

3) Who would your NC Board prefer to administer your elections in the future? Please rank the options below in the order your NC would most prefer.

1st _____

- A) Your NC (using a Town Hall Selection Process)
- B) The Office of the City Clerk
- C) The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

2nd _____

- D) Independent Election Administrator*
**Supervised by the City Clerk or DONE.*
- E) Hybrid administrator (Any combination of options. Please specify.)

3rd _____

- F) Other:

4) Which method does your NC Board prefer for electing board members?

- At-Polls Elections
- Vote-By-Mail (VBM) Elections with Neighborhood Voting Centers (Pre-registration required)
- Internet Voting Elections with Neighborhood Voting Centers (Pre-registration required)
- Telephone Voting Elections with Neighborhood Voting Centers (Pre-registration required)
- Hybrid method (Any combination of options). Please specify

- Other:

5) As an alternative to the methods above, would your NC Board prefer a Town Hall Election or Town Hall Selection?*

- Town Hall Election (Mandatory secret ballot)
- Town Hall Selection* (Open or public ballot)

**Due to logistical restrictions, the City Clerk is unable to oversee the Town Hall "selection" method.*

6) Please include specific comments from your stakeholders or Board Members that you feel would be valuable as part of this survey:

BOARD ACTION AND APPROVAL INFORMATION (Required)

Neighborhood Council Name

Name of person completing this form

Title

Phone Number

Signature

Board Approval Date

RETURN THIS FORM BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012, 5:00 P.M.

To: City of Los Angeles, City Clerk-Election Division
P.O. Box 54377, Los Angeles, CA 90054-0377

This survey may also be submitted via fax at (213) 978-0376 or by email to clerk.electionsnclacity.org.

For more information, please visit the City Clerk-Election Division website at <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/>.

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