

Bylaws Amendments Approved by Venice Neighborhood Council Board September 15th, 2009.

Note: *These Bylaws changes were necessitated to bring the Venice Neighborhood Council with City of Los Angeles mandates approved by the LA City Council. They must be approved by VNC stakeholders at an election to be scheduled. If they are not ratified by VNC stakeholders, the City Clerk has established default guidelines that implement the mandated changes which may not be the same as those described here. The bylaws, as amended by the following changes, can be found at: <http://venicenc.org/files/090922ProposedBylawsRev.pdf>.*

1. Amend Article III.A. to read:

A. Stakeholders: “Stakeholders” are defined as individuals who live, work, or own property within the Venice Neighborhood Council boundaries and also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm a factual basis for it.

2. Amend Article III.B. to read:

B. Voting Members: Any non-factual basis stakeholder who chooses to register may become a “Voting Member.” Voter registration shall be conducted in accordance with Article VI, as interpreted by the Rules and Elections Committee. Proof of Stakeholder status shall be required for voting rights to be effected.

3. Amend Article IV.A. to read:

A. Governing Body: The Governing Body of the Venice Neighborhood Council shall be the Board of Officers. The Board of Officers shall establish policies and positions of the Venice Neighborhood Council at its regular meetings and review and recommend actions to governmental and other entities on issues affecting the Venice community. The Board of Officers is comprised of twenty-one (21) voting Officers, elected from and by the population of Voting Members and factual basis stakeholders, as follows:

- Seven (7) Executive Officers
- Fourteen (14) Community Officers

4. Amend Article IV.C. to read:

C. Community Officers:

(i) Thirteen (13) Community Officers are elected at-large by the non-factual-basis Voting Members. Each non-factual-basis Voting Member shall cast one vote from a ballot listing all candidates for Community Officer. The thirteen (13) Community Officer candidates with the highest vote totals shall be elected.

(ii) Factual-basis Voting Members shall be entitled to run for and elect one (1) factual-basis Community Officer. If more than one factual-basis candidate is on the factual-basis ballot, the factual-basis candidate with the highest vote total shall be elected. In the event

that there are no factual-basis candidates, the Community Officer receiving the next highest vote total shall be elected.

Community Officers shall serve on at least one Standing Committee and shall serve on and/or chair other committees.

5. Amend Article VI. To read:

ARTICLE VI — ELECTIONS

A. Timing: Beginning with the City Clerk conducted election held between March and June of 2010, a board member's term shall be for the duration of two years or until a successor is elected or appointed. The only order of business at this Election Meeting shall be the election of the Board of Officers. The Election shall elect all twenty-one (21) Officers. Additional Election Meetings may be held during a Stakeholder or Board of Officers meeting as specified elsewhere in these bylaws.

B. Administration of Elections and Board Terms: The Neighborhood Council's election will be conducted by the City Clerk every two years in every even-numbered year in accordance with the rules and regulation promulgated by the City Clerk. The City Clerk will hold these elections between March and June of the even-numbered years. The rules and regulations developed by the City Clerk shall take precedence over any inconsistent language in the Neighborhood Council bylaws. All current board terms which end prior to the 2010 election shall be extended until after the certification of election results or the resolution of all official election challenges, whichever date is later. There are no term limits.

C. Registration: Stakeholders, with the exception of those who utilize vote-by-mail, may register to vote up to and including the day of any Election Meeting.

D. Qualification: Any Stakeholder who is sixteen (16) years or older, or a junior or senior in High School, may vote.

E. Credentials: Voters will verify their Stakeholder status by providing documentation acceptable to the City Clerk—Election Division supporting that declaration. Factual-basis Stakeholders will also be required to provide a form of documentation to substantiate their factual-basis claim.

F. Voting: Voting for election of Officers shall be by ballot.

(i) Each factual basis Voting Member shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for a factual-basis Community Officer candidate. (ii) Each non-factual-basis Voting Member shall be entitled to cast votes as follows:

- One (1) vote for President
- One (1) vote for Vice President
- One (1) vote for Secretary
- One (1) vote for Treasurer
- One (1) vote for Communications Officer
- One (1) vote for Community Outreach Officer
- One (1) vote for Land Use and Planning Committee Chair
- One (1) vote for only one (1) Community Officer. The Community Officer candidates with the thirteen (13) highest vote totals shall be elected; EXCEPT, if there is no factual-

basis candidate, the Community Officer candidates with the fourteen (14) highest vote totals shall be elected.

If more than two (2) candidates are running for an Executive Officer position, a plurality shall be sufficient to elect unless the election procedures direct otherwise.

No voting by proxy is allowed.

II Bylaw amendment limiting occurrence of petition elections

Ira Koslow (ira.koslow@venicenc.org): Request board adopt the following amendment to VNC Bylaw VA1:

Receipt of this completed petition by the Secretary shall trigger this item being scheduled as an action item on the Agenda at a separate Election Meeting to be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) two hundred and ten (210) days following receipt of the completed petition. Notice of the Initiative, including the outline paragraph of fifty (50) words or less, shall be made in all public meeting notices and announcements for the upcoming meeting at which the Initiative shall be voted on. This time limit may be waived by a majority vote of the VNC Board if there is evidence of a time sensitive matter.