



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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Los Angeles City Council  
200 North Spring  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2601

Subject: Request Repeal of Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.811 §5 (2) (a)

Dear Councilmembers:

The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers, at its May 19, 2009 meeting, adopted the following motion:

Request LA City Council repeal Sec. 5. Subdivision (2) of Subsection (a) of Section 22.811 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code which it amended on February 20, 2008 to read:

**(2) That neighborhood council membership will be open to everyone who lives, works, owns property in the neighborhood & also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood & affirm the factual basis for it.**

Request further that LA City Council use expediting procedures if necessary to enable the City Clerk to be prepared to conduct the 2010 Neighborhood Council elections.

**Comment:** The above provision unnecessarily complicates the definition of a stakeholder by expanding it beyond what is required under **Sec. 906 of Article IX of the Los Angeles City Charter** which provides, as a condition of certification, that:

**(a) By-laws. Each neighborhood council seeking official certification or recognition from the City shall submit an organization plan & by-laws to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment showing, at a minimum:**

**(2) neighborhood council membership will be open to everyone who lives, works or owns property in the area (stakeholders) ...**

Thus, the Bylaws of every currently certified Neighborhood Council contains language defining a stakeholder in conformance with this charter requirement. The Venice Neighborhood Council Bylaws, for instance, define stakeholders as **individuals who live, work, or own property within the Venice Neighborhood Council boundaries.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Mike Newhouse, President  
Venice Neighborhood Council

Cc: Los Angeles City Council Members  
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