



Department of NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

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### Bylaw Amendment Application

The bylaws of a Neighborhood Council are established to provide a written framework and an organizational structure for the Neighborhood Council. Any approved Board changes to the bylaws must be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) for final approval before becoming effective. Completed applications will be accepted from **July 1, 2016 to May 1, 2017** via email at [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org) and must include the following documents:

- Scanned electronic copy of the completed Bylaw Amendment Application and the Neighborhood Council Board Structure Change Request Form (if necessary) signed by the Neighborhood Council President/Chair and another person authorized by the Neighborhood Council to submit the documents.
- Electronic Copy (in a Word document)** of the proposed Neighborhood Council's Bylaw Sections. **Submit only the section(s) with the proposed changes and not the entire bylaws unless there are major changes throughout the bylaws.** The document should clearly show the proposed amended language by striking-out the original language and underlining the proposed language, preferably through the Track Changes tool in Microsoft Word, e.g. Section 2. Agenda Setting - The agenda shall be set by the ~~President.~~ the Executive Committee.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL.**

Neighborhood Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do the proposed amendments to the bylaws comply with the Los Angeles City Charter - Article IX, applicable Ordinances, City Policies and the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils?  Yes  No
- Do the proposed amendments contain a change in the Board structure, e.g. decrease/increase in Board seats, changes in Board seat descriptions, etc.?  No  Yes - Please include the Neighborhood Council Board Structure Change Request Form

### DECLARATION

We, the persons authorized by the above-named Neighborhood Council to submit bylaw amendments, under penalty of perjury, declare that a Brown Act noticed Neighborhood Council public meeting was held with a quorum of the Board present, and the proposed bylaws as submitted were approved as an official action of the Board per the Neighborhood Council's existing bylaw amendment provision or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners policy. If requested, we will provide the Neighborhood Council agenda and minutes or resolution supporting the proposed bylaw amendments.

Date of Board Action: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Board Vote: \_\_\_\_yes\_\_\_\_no\_\_\_\_ abstentions

President/Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Signatory Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the Neighborhood Council Support Help Line with any questions or if you require electronic support in submitting this application: (213) 485-1360 or [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org) (Form Updated 6/14)



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**Neighborhood Council Board Structure Change Request Form**

Requests for changes in Board structure must be reviewed by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Commission). If the Commission approves the request, the Applicant's bylaws will be deemed formally adjusted upon such action of the Commission. Should the Commission act to disapprove the request, the Applicant may, within five (5) meeting days of the City Council, during which the Council has convened in regular session, file an appeal with the City Council. The appeal will automatically be placed on the Council's next regular agenda for consideration. The City Council may, by ten (10) votes, sustain, reverse, or modify the Commission's decision.

After completing this form, please submit it by email along with a completed Bylaw Amendment Application to [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org). You may also fax or deliver the documents to our office. We will provide notification to the Neighborhood Council of the date the Commission will review the request. Please note that the information submitted on this form is public information.

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Neighborhood Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact:

NAME	TITLE	PHONE	EMAIL

Current Number of Board Seats: \_\_\_\_\_ Quorum: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of Board Structure Change is being requested?

Reduction in Board Seats to: \_\_\_\_\_ (insert total number after proposed reduction)

Change in Board Structure. Please describe:

Other. Please describe:

What are the reasons for the change to the Board Structure?

Describe your Neighborhood Council's demographics. Please note sources of demographic information provided, e.g. 2000 census, Healthy City, etc., and attach any related documentation.

Explain what outreach has been conducted to fill existing seats. Please attach any supporting documentation, e.g. flyers, agendas, etc.