

**MISSION HILLS  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BYLAWS**

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## ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Neighborhood Council shall be the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council (“Council”).

## ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Principles of Governance - The purpose of the Council is to participate as a body on issues concerning our neighborhood and regarding the governance of the City of Los Angeles (“City”) in a transparent, inclusive, collaborative, accountable and viable manner.

A. The **MISSION** of the Council is:

1. To provide an inclusive and open forum for public discussion of issues of interest to the Council, including City governance, the needs of the Council, the delivery of City services to the Council area, and other matters of a Citywide nature;
2. To advise the City on issues of interest to the Council, including City governance, the needs of the Council, the delivery of City services to the Council area, and other matters of a Citywide nature;
3. To initiate, execute and support projects for the physical, social and cultural improvement of the Council area; and
4. To facilitate communication between the City and Community Stakeholders on issues of concern to the community and/or the Stakeholders.

B. The **POLICY** of the Council is:

1. To respect the diversity, dignity, and expression of views of all individuals, groups, and organizations within the community and/or involved in the Council;
2. To remain non-partisan with respect to political party affiliation and inclusive in our operations including, but not limited to, the process of electing or selecting the Board of Directors, Officers, and Committee Members, as hereinafter set forth;
3. To utilize the Early Notification System (ENS) to inform the Council and Community Stakeholders of matters involving the City and our community in a way that is tailored to provide opportunities for involvement in the decision-making process;
4. To encourage all Community Stakeholders to participate in activities of the Council;
5. To prohibit discrimination against any individual or group in our operations on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, income, homeowner/renter status, or political affiliation; and
6. To have fair, open, and transparent procedures for the conduct of all Council business.

## ARTICLE III BOUNDARIES

The Council covers a geographic area described below.

**Section 1: Boundary Description** - The boundaries about the boundaries of adjacent Neighborhood Councils and include those areas of the City within the following lines of demarcation: the area served by the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council is bounded by the San Diego freeway (1-405) on the west, the center of Lassen Street on the south in an easterly direction until the Pacoima Wash, at that point, a due east prolongation of the center of Lassen Street to Woodman Avenue (not following the curve of Lassen Street to the Northeast at that point so as to include the HOA property at 14650 Lassen Street), the Pacoima wash on the southeast to Woodman Avenue, then by Woodman Avenue to the intersection of the above mentioned prolongation, the Golden State Freeway on the northeast, north of Rinaldi Street and the City of San Fernando between Rinaldi Street and the Pacoima wash.

The boundaries of the Council are also set forth in Attachment A - Map of the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council.

**Section 2: Internal Boundaries** - Not applicable.

## ARTICLE IV STAKEHOLDER

Neighborhood Council membership is open to all Stakeholders. A “Stakeholder” shall be defined as any individual who:

- (1) Lives, works, or owns real property within the boundaries of the neighborhood council; or
- (2) Is a Community Interest Stakeholder, defined as an individual who is a member of or participates in a Community Organization within the boundaries of the neighborhood council.

A “Community Organization” is an entity that has continuously maintained a physical street address within the boundaries of the neighborhood council for not less than one year, and that performs ongoing and verifiable activities and operations that confer some benefit on the community within the boundaries of the neighborhood council. A for-profit entity shall not qualify as a Community Organization. Examples of Community Organizations may include Chambers of Commerce, houses of worship or other faith-based organizations, educational institutions, or non-profit organizations.

[The definition of “Stakeholder” and its related terms are defined by City Ordinance and cannot be changed without City Council action. See Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.801.1]

## ARTICLE V GOVERNING BOARD

The Board of Directors (“Board”) shall be the Governing Body of the Council within the meaning of that term as set forth in the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (“Plan”).

**Section 1: Composition** - The Board shall consist of fourteen (14) Stakeholders elected, selected or appointed by the Board and/or Community Stakeholders. The composition of the Board shall be as follows:

1. **Homeowner Stakeholder Board Members (4)** – Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who own a residence located within the NC boundaries.
2. **Renter Stakeholder Board Members (1)** – Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who rent a residence located within the NC boundaries.
3. **Business Owner Stakeholder Board Members (2)** – Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who work or own a business or business property within the NC boundaries.
4. **Organizational Stakeholder Board Members or otherwise known as the Employee Position (In the MHNC Board Category) (1)** – Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who participate in a community organization such as but not limited to religious institution, educational institution, community organization, non-profit organization, neighborhood association, school/parent group, faith based group, senior group, youth group, arts association, service organization, boys or girls club, cultural group, or environmental group within the NC boundaries.
5. **Youth Board Member (1)** – Open to Stakeholders between the ages of fourteen (14) and seventeen (17) on the day of the election or selection. See Admin. Code § 22.814(c). If less than eighteen (18) years of age, the Youth Board Seat member shall be precluded from voting on financial matters, such as neighborhood council expenditures, financial reports, annual budgets, contracts, and recommendations to enter into contracts.
6. **At-Large Stakeholder Board Members (5)** – Open to Stakeholders at least eighteen (18) years of age who live, work or own real property in the neighborhood and also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder.

No single Stakeholder group shall hold a majority of Board seats unless extenuating circumstances exist and are approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (“Department”).

**Section 2: Quorum** - The quorum shall be eight (8) members of the Board. No floating quorums are allowed.

**Section 3: Official Actions** - A simple majority vote by the Board Members present, not including abstentions, at a meeting at which there is a quorum shall be required to take official action, unless specified otherwise in these Bylaws.

**Section 4: Terms and Term Limits** - Board Members shall serve a four (4)-year term commencing after being seated. There are no term limits.

Description of staggered terms started in 2010:

Two (2) Year Terms:	At-Large – two (2) highest vote getters
	Residential Homeowners – highest vote getter
	Residential Renter – highest vote getter
	Business Owner – highest vote getter

Employee  
Business Property Owner  
Youth

Four (4) Year Terms: At-Large – third highest vote getter  
Residential Homeowners – three (3) next highest vote getters  
Residential Renter – second highest vote getter  
Business Owner – second highest vote getter

Starting 2012, all Board seat terms will be four (4) years.

**Section 5: Duties and Powers** - The primary duties of the Board shall be to govern the Council and to carry out its objectives. No individual member of the Board shall speak for the Board or otherwise publicly represent a Board position unless authorized to do so by official action of the Board. The Board may, by official action, delegate to any individual the authority to present before any public body a standing Council position previously adopted by the Board or a statement that the Council has had insufficient time to develop a position or recommendation on a matter before that body. Such authority may be revoked at any time by the Board.

**Section 6: Vacancies** – Vacancies on the Board shall be filled using the following procedure:

- A. Any Stakeholder interested in filling a vacancy on the Board shall submit a written application to the Executive Committee for review and placement on the agenda.
- B. The Board shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Board.
- C. The Board shall vote on the application at the meeting. If multiple applications for one (1) seat have been submitted, the candidate with the most votes wins.
- D. The candidate who wins shall fill the remaining term of the Board seat unless an election or selection occurs sooner.
- E. In no event shall a vacant seat be filled where a general election is scheduled to occur within sixty (60) days of the date that a written application is presented to the Board.

**Section 7: Absences** - Any Board member who has three (3) unexcused absences of regularly scheduled Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meetings will automatically be removed from the Board. For excused absences consult Standing Rules.

**Section 8: Censure** - The purpose of the censure process is to place a Board member on notice of misconduct and to provide the Board member with an opportunity to correct the misconduct. The Neighborhood Council (“Neighborhood Council”) may censure any Board member at a regular or special meeting open to the public following a good-faith determination by the Neighborhood Council Board that the member has engaged in conduct that is contrary to rules and regulations applicable to the Board or that impedes the orderly business of Board operations. Grounds for censure include, but are not limited to, persistent disruptive conduct at meetings, violations or abuses of the Board’s bylaws or rules, violations of the Code of Conduct, acting on behalf of the Board without authorization, and misuse or abuse of the censure or removal process by acting in bad faith.

The Board shall use the following procedure when censuring a Board member:

1. A motion to censure a Board member may be initiated by any three (3) Board members. Those Board members shall not constitute a majority of the quorum of any Neighborhood Council body, such as a committee. The motion shall be delivered to any officer of the Board or a specific officer or member of the Board as may be specified in the bylaws or standing rules of the Neighborhood Council. The motion shall be in writing and provide the specific facts and grounds for the proposed censure including the date(s) and specific conduct relied upon for the motion. The motion shall not be based upon conclusions, e.g., “for alleged violations of the Code of Conduct” but shall contain factual statements that describe conduct only and is not intended to embarrass or humiliate the board member.
2. The Board member, group of Board members or committee responsible for setting the final Board agenda shall include the motion on the agenda of the next regular or special Board meeting scheduled at least thirty (30) days following the delivery of the proposed censure motion.
3. The Board member subject to censure shall be given a minimum of thirty (30) days prior-written notice, which may include email sent to the last email address on file with the Neighborhood Council, of any meeting at which the motion to censure will be considered. The notice shall provide the specific facts and grounds for the proposed censure as specified in 1 above. The Board shall also provide a copy of the notice to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the motion to censure will be considered.
4. The Board member subject to censure shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard at the meeting, either orally or in writing, prior to the Board’s vote on a motion of censure.
5. The Board shall decide by a majority vote of those present and voting whether or not the Board member should be censured. The Board member who is the subject of the censure motion shall not be counted as part of the majority present and voting and shall not be allowed to vote. For the purpose of censure motions, abstentions shall not be counted as votes.
6. In no event shall a motion to censure a board member be heard by the Neighborhood Council within sixty (60) days of the next scheduled Board election or selection.

**Section 9: Removal** - Any Board member may be removed by the Neighborhood Council (“Neighborhood Council”) for cause, following a good faith determination by the Board that the member has engaged in conduct that is contrary to rules and regulations applicable to the Board or that impedes the orderly business of Board operations. A Board member shall not be subject to removal under this Policy, unless the member has been censured at least once pursuant to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners’ (“Commission”) Censure Policy. Grounds for removal include, but are not limited to, persistent disruptive conduct at meetings, violations or abuses of the Board’s bylaws or standing rules, violations of the Code of Conduct, acting on behalf of the Board without authorization, and misuse or abuse of the censure or removal processes by acting in bad faith.

The Board shall use the following procedure when removing a Board member:

1. A motion to remove a Board member may be initiated by any three (3) Board members.



Those Board members shall not constitute a majority of the quorum of any Neighborhood Council body, such as a committee. The proposed motion shall be delivered to any officer of the Board or a specific officer or member of the Board as may be specified in the bylaws or standing rules of the Neighborhood Council. The motion shall be in writing and provide the specific facts and grounds for the proposed removal action including the date(s) and specific conduct relied upon for the motion. The motion shall not be based upon conclusions, e.g., “for alleged violations of the Code of Conduct” but shall contain factual statements that describes conduct only and is not intended to embarrass or humiliate the board member. The motion to remove shall also include a copy of the prior censure motion and the date it was passed.

2. The Board member, group of Board members or committee responsible for setting the final Board agenda shall list and briefly describe the motion on the agenda of the next regular or special Board meeting scheduled at least thirty(30) days following the delivery of the proposed removal motion.
3. The Board member subject to removal shall be given a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice, which may include email sent to the last email address on file with the Neighborhood Council, of any meeting at which a motion to remove will be heard. The notice shall provide the specific facts and grounds for the proposed removal as specified in 1 above. The Board shall also provide a copy of the notice to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to any meeting at which a motion to remove will be considered.
4. The Board member subject to removal shall be given reasonable time to be heard at the meeting, either orally or in writing, prior to the Board’s vote on a motion for removal.
5. The Board shall decide whether or not the Board member should be removed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the currently sitting Board members. The Board member who is the subject of the removal motion shall not be allowed to vote and shall not be counted when determining the two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. For the purpose of the removal motion, abstentions shall not be counted as votes.
6. In no event shall a motion to remove a Board member be heard by the Neighborhood Council within sixty (60) days of the next election or selection.
7. The Commission may review a Neighborhood Council’s removal decision if requested to do so by the affected Board member. Once the request is made for the Commission to review the decision to remove, the Neighborhood Council voting to remove the board member may not fill the vacancy created by the removal until the Commission has made a decision on whether the removal was proper or the Commission declines to review the matter. The Commission’s decision whether to hear or decline to hear the removal review request shall be sent in writing to the requestor and the Neighborhood Council within 30 days after the request for review is delivered.
8. A request for the Commission to review a Neighborhood Council’s removal decision shall proceed as follows:
  - a. The request must in writing and must be delivered to the Executive Assistant of the Commission or, in the absence of an Executive Assistant, to the President of the Commission within thirty (30) days of the date of the action by the Neighborhood Council

to remove the Board member.

- b. The request must state the basis for the review. The request shall not cite or present any evidence not considered by the Neighborhood Council but must address only procedural deficiencies.
  - c. If the Commission determines the request for review raises sufficient questions regarding procedural deficiencies and agrees to hear the review, it will be placed on the agenda of a regular or special meeting of the Commission within sixty (60) days of receipt of the request for review.
  - d. At the review the Commission will determine if the facts as presented support the removal motion and if the procedures set out in this policy were correctly applied.
  - e. If the Commission determines that there were either factual or procedural deficiencies, the Commission may either reinstate the Board member or return the matter to the Neighborhood Council for further consideration.
  - f. If the Commission returns the matter for further consideration and the Neighborhood Council does not act within sixty (60) days of the Commission's decision the Board member will be considered reinstated.
  - g. During the period of appeal the Board member shall not be counted as part of the Board for any quorum and shall not participate in any Board actions.
  - h. If the matter is returned to the Neighborhood Council for further consideration the Board member shall not be counted as part of the Board for any quorum and shall not participate in any Board actions until the Board takes action as requested by the Commission or until the expiration of the sixty (60) day time period.
9. This policy is not intended to restrict or eliminate a Neighborhood Council's ability to remove or render ineligible to serve, Board members who fail to attend meetings, join committees, maintain their stakeholder status, or perform other duties as may be described in the Neighborhood Council's bylaws and/or standing rules. Nor is it intended to limit a Neighborhood Council's ability to remove committee chairs or committee members according to the Neighborhood Council's bylaws and/or standing rules.

**Section 10: Resignation** - A Board member may resign from the Council, and the position shall then be deemed vacant. Any member of the Board who ceases to be a Stakeholder is required to submit his or her resignation to the Board in writing.

**Section 11: Community Outreach** - The Council shall direct that a system of outreach be instituted to inform Stakeholders as to the existence and activities of the Council, including its Board elections, to find future leaders of the Council, and to encourage all Stakeholders to seek leadership positions within the Council

The Council shall have a standing Outreach Committee, which will report its activities and recommendations to the Board monthly at the regular Council meeting.

The Council shall maintain a web site presence to disseminate information to Council Stakeholders and others interested in the Council within the guidelines set by the Department.

In addition, the Board shall create, or shall cause to be created, a marketing plan to solicit participation from Stakeholders. The plan may include, for example, the creation of flyers, postcards, pamphlets and other related materials. It may also include e-mail blasts to various organizations including a regularly scheduled e-blast to local government officials and to the Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood Watch, Home Owners' Association and other local organizations as determined by the Board.

Outreach also should be undertaken at public events and shall be coordinated with other Neighborhood Councils when appropriate.

## ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

**Section 1: Officers of the Board** - The officers of the Board ("Officers") shall include the following positions which all together comprise the Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Section 2: Duties and Powers** - The duties of the Officers are as follows and also include such additional duties as may be adopted by official action of the Board:

A. The President shall act as the chief executive of the Council and shall preside at all Council meetings (See Standing Rules for more information).

B. The Vice President shall serve in place of the President if the President is unable to serve (See Standing Rules for more information).

C. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Board meetings, unless a minute take has already been assigned. (See Standing Rules for more information).

D. The Treasurer shall maintain the records of the Council's finances and books of accounts and perform other duties in accordance with the Council's Financial Management Plan and the Department's policies and procedures. (See Standing Rules for more information)

E. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Outreach Committee Chair will have access & a key to the MHNC storage unit.

**Section 3: Selection of Officers** - Officer positions shall be filled every two (2) years at the first official Board meeting following their election or selection in Board election years, and at the subsequent two (2) year anniversary mark of the Officers' election in Board non-election years.

**Section 4: Officer Terms** - The Officers shall serve two (2) year terms and serve at the pleasure of the Board. They may stand for reelection every two (2) years.

## ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

All Standing and Ad Hoc Committees shall be established by the Board. Suggestions for committees may come from Stakeholders or from members of the Board, and all such suggestions shall be voted upon by the Board.

**Section 1: Standing Committees** - The Standing Committees of the Council are: Executive Committee, Public Safety Committee, Zoning and Land Use Committee, Budget and Finance

Committee, Senior Committee, Beautification Committee, Cultural Affairs Committee, Outreach Committee, Housing and Homelessness Committee, and Education Committee.

**Section 2: Ad Hoc Committees** - The Board may create Ad Hoc Committees as needed to deal with temporary issues.

### **Section 3: Committee Creation and Authorization**

A. **Committee Authority** - All committee recommendations shall be brought back to the full Board for discussion and action.

B. **Committee Structure** - With the exception of the Executive Committee, Committee members shall be appointed by the President and ratified by the Board. Standing Committees shall be comprised of at least two (2) Board members and may include any interested Stakeholders. Ad Hoc Committees shall be comprised of two (2) or less Board members and may include any interested Stakeholders.

C. **Committee Appointment** - All Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board. Only those Committee members who are Board members are eligible to serve as Chairman of a committee. The Chairs shall keep a written record of Committee meetings and shall provide regular reports on Committee matters to the Board.

D. **Committee Meetings** - Committee meetings are subject to and shall be conducted in accordance with the dictates of the Brown Act.

E. **Changes to Committees** - The Board may establish, disband or make changes as needed to any Standing or Ad Hoc committee. Any such action by the Board shall be noted in the Council meeting minutes.

F. **Removal of Committee Members** - Committee members may be removed in the same manner in which they were appointed.

## **ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS**

All meetings, as defined by the Ralph M. Brown Act (*California Government Code Section 54950.5 et seq.*), shall be noticed and conducted in accordance with the Act, the Neighborhood Council Agenda Posting Policy and all other applicable laws and governmental policy.

**Section 1: Meeting Time and Place** - All meetings shall be held within the Council boundaries at a location, date and time set by the Board. A calendar of regular meetings shall be established by the Board at its first regular meeting of each calendar year.

A. **Regular Meetings** - Regular Council meetings shall be held at least once per quarter and may be held more frequently as determined by the Board. Prior to any action by the Board, there shall be a period of public comment. The Board shall determine the length and format of the period as appropriate.

B. **Special Meetings** - The President or a majority of the Board shall be allowed to call a Special Council Meeting as needed.

**Section 2: Agenda Setting** - The Executive Committee shall set the agenda for each Council meeting.

Any Stakeholder may make a proposal for action by the Council by submitting a written request to the Secretary or during the public comment period of a regular Council meeting. The Secretary shall promptly refer the proposal to a Standing Committee or Executive Committee.

The Council is required to consider the proposal at a Committee or Board meeting, but is not required to take further action on the proposal. Proposals made under the this subsection are subject to the rules regarding reconsideration

**Section 3: Notifications/Postings** – Notice of a regular meeting shall be a minimum of three (3) days (72 hours) in advance of the meeting and at least one (1) day (24 hours) in advance of a special meeting. At a minimum, notice shall be posted at the Council’s notice location/s specified with the Department, on its website (if applicable) and emailed out to Stakeholders if the Council maintains such a database. Regular and Special meeting agendas shall also be emailed to the Department.

**Section 4: Reconsideration**

The Board may reconsider or amend its actions through the following Motion for Reconsideration process:

- A. Before the Board reconsiders any matter, the Board must approve a Motion for Reconsideration. The Motion for Reconsideration must be approved by official action of the Board. After determining that an action should be reconsidered, the Board has the authority to re-hear, continue, or take action on the item that is the subject of reconsideration within any limitations that are stated in the Motion for Reconsideration.
- B. The Motion for Reconsideration must be brought, and the Board's approval of a Motion for Reconsideration must occur during the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting that follows the meeting where the action subject to reconsideration occurred.
- D. The Moving Board Member may make the Motion for Reconsideration orally during the same meeting where the action that is the subject of reconsideration occurred, or by properly placing the Motion for Reconsideration on the agenda of a meeting that occurs within the allowed specified periods of time as stated above.
- F. A Motion for Reconsideration that is properly brought before the Board may be seconded by any member of the Board.
- G. This reconsideration process shall be conducted at all times in accordance with the Brown Act.

**ARTICLE IX FINANCES**

- A. The Board shall review its fiscal budget and make adjustments as needed to comply with City laws and City administrative rules, and to keep in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and the City’s mandate for the use of standardized budget and minimum finding allocation requirements.
- B. The Board shall adhere to all rules and regulations promulgated by appropriate City officials regarding the Council’s finances, where the term “appropriate City officials” means

those officials and/or agencies of the City of Los Angeles who have authority over Neighborhood Councils.

C. All financial accounts and records shall be available for public inspection and posted on the Council website, if available.

D. Each month, the Treasurer shall provide to the Board detailed reports of the Council's accounts.

## ARTICLE X ELECTIONS

**Section 1: Administration of Election** - The Neighborhood Council's election will be conducted pursuant to any and all City ordinances, policies and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council elections.

**Section 2: Governing Board Structure and Voting** - The number of Board seats, the eligibility requirements for holding any specific Board seats, and which Stakeholders may vote for the Board seats are noted in Attachment B.

**Section 3: Minimum Voting Age** - Except with respect to a Youth Board Seat, a stakeholder must be at least 16 years of age on the day of the election or selection to be eligible to vote. [See Admin. Code §§ 22.814(a) and 22.814(c)]

**Section 4: Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status** - The Neighborhood Council's election will be conducted pursuant to any and all City ordinances, policies and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council elections. Voters will verify their Stakeholder status by providing acceptable documentation.

**Section 5: Restrictions on Candidates Running for Multiple Seats** - A candidate shall declare their candidacy for no more than one (1) position on the Council Board during a single election cycle.

**Section 6: Other Election Related Language** - Not applicable.

## ARTICLE XI GRIEVANCE PROCESS

A. Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee, which will send the grievance to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consultation and resolution.

B. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, such as the Board's failure to comply with Board Rules or these Bylaws. It is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who merely disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings, which grievances may be aired publicly at Council meetings. The Neighborhood Council grievance review process will be conducted pursuant to any and all City ordinances, policies and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council grievances.

C. Board members are not permitted to file a grievance against another Board member or

against the Council, except as permitted under the City's grievance policy.

## **ARTICLE XII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The Council shall use Robert's Rules of Order when conducting Council meetings.

## **ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS**

A. Any Board member may propose an amendment to these Bylaws by requesting that the Executive Committee place the item on the agenda.

B. Any Stakeholder may propose an amendment to these Bylaws during the public comment period of a regular Council meeting.

C. Any proposal to amend the Bylaws shall be formalized in writing and noticed on the agenda for public discussion and Board vote at the next regular Council meeting.

D. An amendment to these bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board members present at a duly noticed general or special meeting. All changes shall then be forwarded to the Department for review and approval.

E. Amendments shall not be valid, final or effective until approved by the Department. Once approved, any changes in the Bylaws shall become effective immediately.

## **ARTICLE XIV COMPLIANCE**

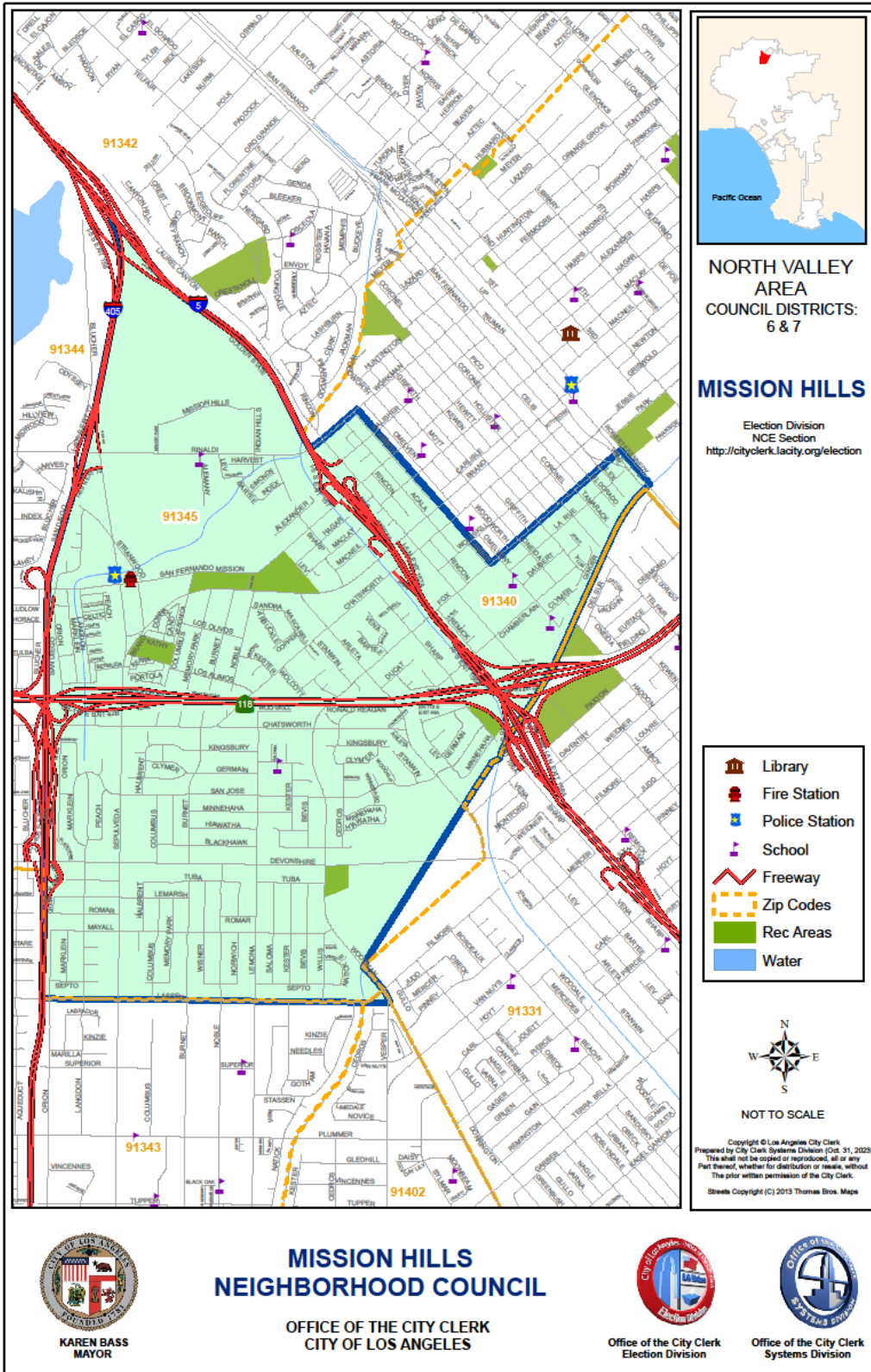
The Council, its representatives, and all Community Stakeholders shall comply with these Bylaws and with any additional Standing Rules or Procedures as may be adopted by the Board of Directors as well as all local, county, state and federal laws, including, without limitation, the Plan, the City Code of Conduct, the City Governmental Ethics Ordinance (*Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 49.5.1*), the Brown Act (*California Government Code Section 54950.5 et seq.*), the Public Records Act, the American Disabilities Act, and all laws and governmental policies pertaining to Conflicts of Interest.

**Section 1: Code of Civility** – The Council, its representatives, and all Community Stakeholders shall conduct all Council business in a civil, professional and respectful manner. Board members will abide by the Commission's Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy.

**Section 2: Training** – Training Neighborhood Council Board Members, whether elected, selected, or appointed, are required to complete all mandatory trainings in order to vote on issues that come before the Council. Trainings available to Board Members are created to ensure success during their period of service. All Board Members shall complete mandatory trainings as prescribed by the City Council, the Commission, the Office of the City Clerk Funding Division, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

**Section 3: Self-Assessment** – Every year, the Council shall conduct a self-assessment pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Plan.

# ATTACHMENT A – Map of the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council





# ATTACHMENT B – Governing Board Structure and Voting Mission Hills

## Neighborhood Council – 14 Board Seats

BOARD POSITION	# OF SEATS	ELECTED OR APPOINTED?	ELIGIBILITY TO RUN FOR THE SEAT	ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE FOR THE SEAT
At-Large Seat Term: 4 Years	5	Elected	Stakeholders who are 18 years or older and live, work, own real property, or declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder.	Stakeholders who are 16 years or older and live, work, own real property, or declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder.
Residential Homeowner Seat Term: 4 Years	4	Elected	Stakeholders who are a home or condo owner within the MHNC boundaries and who are 18 years or older.	Stakeholders who are 16 years or older and live, work, own real property, or declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder.
Residential Renter Seat Term: 4 Years	1	Elected	Stakeholder who are renters within the MHNC boundaries and who are 18 years or older.	Stakeholders who are 16 years or older and live, work, own real property, or declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder.
Business Owner Seat Term: 4 Years	2	Elected	Stakeholders who are business owners or property owners within the MHNC boundaries and who are 18 years or	Stakeholders who are 16 years or older and live, work, own real property, or declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder.
Organizational Stakeholder Board Member or otherwise known as the Employee Position Term: 4 Years	1	Elected	Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who participate in a community organization including but not limited to religious institution, educational institution, community based organization, non-profit organization, neighborhood association, school/parent group, faith based group, senior group, youth group, arts association, service organization, boys or girls club, cultural group, or environmental group within the NC boundaries. Or Stakeholder who works in a business within the MHNC boundaries and who is 18 years or older	Stakeholders who are 16 years or older and live, work, own real property, or declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder.
Youth Seat Term: 2 years	1	Elected	Open to stakeholders between the ages of fourteen (14) and seventeen (17) on the day of the election or selection. See Admin. Code 22.814(c). If less than eighteen (18) years of age, the Youth Board Seat member shall be precluded from voting on financial matters, such as neighborhood council expenditures, financial reports, annual budgets, contracts, and recommendations to enter into contracts.	A person must be at least 14 years of age on the day that the Neighborhood Council election or selection for that Youth Board Seat occurs to be eligible to vote for a Youth Board Seat candidate.