

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending **Article IV: Stakeholders** of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws.

CURRENT LANGUAGE: Bylaws dated 7/01/22

ARTICLE IV: STAKEHOLDER

Neighborhood Council membership is open to All Stakeholders. A “stakeholder” shall be defined..... [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]

~~A. Any stakeholder who chooses to register may become a “Voting Member.” Voter registration shall be conducted in accordance with Article X, as interpreted by the election rules of the City of Los Angeles. Proof of Stakeholder status shall be required for voting rights to be effected.~~

~~B. Stakeholder’s Rights: Stakeholders shall have at a minimum the following rights:~~

- ~~1. To vote to elect the Board of Officers, as specified in Articles VI and X.~~
- ~~2. To comment on an action, policy or position.~~
- ~~3. To make use of initiative, recall and grievance procedures outlined in Articles V and X.~~
- ~~4. To participate in and provide feedback at all meetings of the VNC.~~
- ~~5. To participate on standing and ad hoc committees and assist with the various activities of the VNC, as specified in Article VII.~~

~~The VNC shall encourage all Stakeholders to participate in its activities, and shall not discriminate against individuals or groups on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin ancestry, gender, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, homeowner/renter status, income, citizenship status or political affiliation in any of its policies, recommendations or actions. See EmpowerLA.org, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for additional information.~~

Proposed Changes:

Eliminate the Sections A and B in the current bylaws that appear after the definitions of Stakeholder and Community Interest Stakeholder as defined under the Administrative Code Sec. 22.801.1. (See current bylaws for the full **required** bylaw language referencing stakeholders.)

Rationale:

Item A can be moved and incorporated in to Article X if not already fully stated in Article X Elections.

Item B, most of the references to the Various Articles are incorrect creating confusion. Even where correct, most of the items in this section are either redundant and already covered by the Policies in Article II or obsolete. B1 references Article VI Officers The Brown Act guarantees certain Stakeholder Rights. Elections are conducted by the City and the reference to proof of stakeholder status is already included in Article X Elections in the current bylaws. Grievance procedures in #3 have been defined by Empower and these “rights” are no longer available to Stakeholders. Article V referenced in #3 addresses the Governing Board and Article X addresses elections.

The last paragraph should be eliminated because this is already covered in the current bylaws in Article II, Policy, 7 and will remain unchanged.

