

## Rules Motions

### Lisa Redmond

**MOTION:** the Venice Neighborhood Council instructs the VNC President, with the assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and other City departments as appropriate, to report back to the VNC Board in 30-days at the next regularly scheduled meeting, with agendized board discussion for the option of creating a motion, regarding what alternatives are available to ensure the running of efficient meetings. Options to be looked at include, but are not limited to, appointing a non-biased volunteer Parliamentarian, using funds for non-biased Parliamentarian honorariums, or required training for all Board members.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Bylaws state in Article XII: "The Board shall use Robert's Rules of Order (current version) as the Governing Parliamentary Authority of the VNC." Yet continuing conflict amongst the Board during meetings with regards to Robert's Rules is problematic and has led to unnecessary infighting, disorder, ineffective use of meeting time, and uncivilized interactions amongst Board members.

### Helen Fallon

**MOTION:** The VNC Board adopts the following standing rules regarding Community Impact Statements 1. At the start of a new Board term, the Board will appoint the President and Secretary and up to three additional Board Members who are authorized to submit Community Impact Statements (CIS) by providing the official authorization form to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). 2. Any advisory opinion, guidance, or recommendation adopted currently or previously by a majority vote of the Venice Neighborhood Council Board shall be considered an "Official Position" of the Council and may be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the City Council or the City's Commissions, Boards and Departments. 3. A current CIS must be filed within 10 business days of the Board meeting at which it was passed. In the absence of a designated filer for the CIS the VNC Secretary is responsible for filing the CIS.

**DESCRIPTION:** The City Clerk accepts statements from Neighborhood Councils that have governing boards in place and have voted in a public meeting in accord with the Brown Act to a) approve a particular CIS, or b) authorize the President or other board members to write and submit CISs expressing the board's previously voted upon positions. Filing a CIS gives the NC a unique opportunity to give input to the City. This standing rule ensures that 1) incoming Boards are aware of the process and procedure; 2) eliminates confusion that previous positions and current actions taken cannot be submitted as a CIS unless the Board includes this in the motion at the time it motion was approved is resolved; 3) ensures the Board can inform the City, without having to revisit a position if no Council File was available or was not known to the Board when a motion was passed; 4) also clarifies that a CIS can not only be sent to the City Council and its committees but can be sent to City Commissions City Boards and Departments. Community Impact Statements