

VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Date Proposed: 1-30-2026

Submitted By: Ted Henderson, Chair, Rules and Elections Committee

MOTION

WHEREAS The Venice Neighborhood Council ("VNC") seeks to increase democratic participation and enhance the responsiveness of the Council to stakeholder needs, the VNC recognizes the need to establish geographic district representation, reduce the size of the board, and modernize our procedures and outreach systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council Rules and Elections Committee recommends to the full Board the adoption of amendments to the Venice Neighborhood Council Bylaws as set forth in the attached Exhibit A (Proposed Bylaws Amendments).

RATIONALE

The amendments contained herein offer an opportunity to re-focus the Council on constituent service and engagement. More competitive and inclusive elections may lead to significant increased in stakeholder turnout, and streamlined administrative processes will decrease the time the board spends struggling through bureaucratic hurdles and administrative debate.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following documents are attached hereto and incorporated by reference:

EXHIBIT A: Proposed Bylaw Amendments PDF

EXHIBIT B: Proposed Amendment Redline PDF

CONDITIONS

This motion is subject to the following conditions:

1. The district boundary maps referenced in Exhibit A are incorporated by

reference and shall be considered part of these Bylaws upon adoption.

2. All amendments shall be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) for review and approval as required by City ordinance.
3. The amendments shall become effective upon approval by DONE/BONC.
4. The new board structure (13 members) and Stakeholder criteria shall take effect at the next regular election cycle following approval.

MOTION TO ADOPT

MOVED: That the Venice Neighborhood Council Rules and Elections Committee recommend to the full Board the adoption of the amendments to the Venice Neighborhood Council Bylaws as set forth in Exhibit A (Proposed Amended Bylaws), attached hereto and incorporated by reference, for the purpose of increasing democratic participation, enhancing representative capacity, and positioning the VNC to be more civil, productive, and responsive to stakeholders.

SECOND: _____

NOTES:

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VOTE:

In Favor: _____

Opposed: _____

Abstain: _____

RESULT: ☐ PASSED ☐ FAILED

SIGNATURES

Committee Chair: _____ Date: _____

Committee Secretary: _____ Date: _____