

Venice Neighborhood Council

Motion:

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Committee: Rules and Elections

TITLE: **New Standing Rule--Equality of Board Members**

PURPOSE: Enshrines the principal that because board members are equal, while a board member may offer to assist another board member in complying with applicable rules and regulations, no board member other than a member of the Executive Committee acting within the specific scope of their powers enumerated in the Bylaws or Standing Rules has the right to tell another board member what they must or may not do.

THE MOTION: All Board Members are considered equal and because all Board Members in good standing have completed all the mandatory trainings, Board Members must respect the decisions and actions of other Board Members. Thus, subject to the exceptions below, Board Members may not tell other Board Members what they must or cannot do, and doing so will constitute a violation of the Code of Conduct and be the legitimate subject of a censure motion. Nothing in this motion shall be read to abridge a Board Member's statutory rights of redress.

This rule does NOT apply to:

- (a) A Board Member soliciting specific help, guidance or assistance from another Board Member.
- (b) An unsolicited but bona fide offer of assistance in which a Board Member offers to affirmatively help in curing a perceived problem ahead of time.
- (c) A member of the Executive Committee acting within the scope of the powers specifically assigned to them by the Bylaws or Standing Rules.
- (d) Issues that are brought solely and directly to the President/Presiding Officer. In such cases, the President/Presiding Officer shall then be solely responsible for taking or advising any curative action.

ACTIONS:

Committee Vote: _____4_____ (YEA) _____0_____ (NO) _____0_____ (ABSTAIN)

Heard by VNC Board on: _____ **Moved by:** _____ **Seconded by:** _____
Board Vote: _____ (YEA) _____ (NO) _____ (ABSTAIN)

