



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## JOINT MEETING OF Board and Rules and Selections Committee Agenda

Meeting Date: August 17, 2018  
Meeting Time: 3:00PM – 4:00PM  
Meeting Location: Extra Space Community Room, 656 Venice Blvd.  
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### 1. 3:00PM – Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson (Chair)		John Reed	
Committee Member		Jim Murez	
Committee Member		George Francisco	
Committee Member		Yolanda Gonzalez	
		Hugh Harrison	
		Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	

### 2. 3:05 PM – Approve Agenda as presented or amended

### 3. 3:06 PM – Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented or amended

### 4. 3:07 PM – ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Chair welcomes committee members 8:10 am – Public Comment** –Public comments will be heard at 8:10 am for 5 minutes for items related to the Rules and Selections Committee only which are not on the agenda, and is limited to 1 minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the chair.

### 5. 3:15 PM Close Public Comment

### 6. 3:16 PM – Chair Report

### 7. 3:20 PM -- Item for Discussion and Possible Action

### 8. 3:21 PM – Old Business – None

### 9. 3:22 PM -- New Business - Discussion and possible action

- a. • **Recommendations and next steps for amending City Charter Article IX to change the name of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to the Neighborhood Councils Department (NCD), the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to the Neighborhood Councils Commission (NCC), and phasing out the use of the term/branding ‘EmpowerLA’ due to the confusion reported by the public and the perception of Neighborhood Council members that DONE’s role should be primarily to support Neighborhood Councils, which the name Neighborhood Councils Department would better reflect.**
- b. • **Recommendations and next steps for amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code to remove the “Community Impact Stakeholder,” which has caused substantial confusion and disputed elections, and recommendations and next steps for including specific additional definitions by ordinance of eligible voters and board members of Neighborhood Councils, such as student or parent/guardian of a student.**



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- c. • **Recommendations and next steps for amending City Charter Article IX Section 901 .d and 904.f to remove any reference to “selections” and clarify that Neighborhood Council board members will be elected.** Neighborhood Council “selection” processes are utilized by a limited and decreasing the number of councils and are not viewed by the public as being as democratic as elections as they do not provide for a secret ballot or equitable participation.
- d. • **Recommendations and next steps for creating a one-time review process,** overseen by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, to evaluate Neighborhood Council bylaws to determine if board seats are equitably allocated amongst stakeholder types and provide formal suggestions to Neighborhood Councils on ways to adjust board seats as needed to increase equity.
- e. • **Recommendations and next steps for adopting regulations to provide a uniform minimum voting age and board member age** to allow consistent participation across the City, and what that age should be.
- f. • **Recommendations and next steps for developing and adopting a planning and land use training required for all Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Neighborhood Council planning and land use committees.**

## 10. 3:55 PM By Laws proposed change: ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

### F. Land Use and Planning Committee

~~Eight (8) LUPC members shall be selected by the Board of Officers from a list of candidates who have formally communicated to the Board their desire to serve on the Land Use and Planning Committee. The Board shall, within thirty (30) days after beginning their term, hold a Board of Officers meeting for the selection of LUPC members. The eight (8) candidates with the highest vote totals shall be selected.~~

**Within thirty (30) days after the upcoming 2018 Board of Officers election and within thirty (30) days after beginning their term, the Board shall hold a Board of Officers meeting to select eight (8) LUPC members from a list of candidates who have formally communicated to the Board their desire to serve on the Land Use and Planning Committee. The eight (8) candidates with the highest vote totals shall be selected. Of these, the four (4) candidates with the highest vote totals shall serve terms of four (4) years and the other four (4) candidates shall serve terms of two (2) years as members of the Land Use and Planning Committee.**

**Upon Board of Officers elections subsequent to the 2018 election and within thirty (30) days after beginning their term, the Board shall hold a Board of Officers meeting to select four (4) LUPC members from a list of candidates who have formally communicated to the Board their desire to serve on the Land Use and Planning Committee. The four (4) candidates with the highest vote totals shall be selected and shall serve terms of four (4) years as members of the Land Use and Planning Committee.**

## 11. 4:00 PM – ADJOURN – approximate



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