



Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council



To: GRVNC Board and Stakeholders

From: Richard Myers, Chair GRVNC Rules and Elections Committee

Subject: 2006 GRVNC Election Procedures

The Rules and Elections Committee met Feb 28, Mar 28 and Apr 4 to draft election procedures for our upcoming election in September.

The 2006 draft election procedures we developed are based on the procedures used in 2005, with the following modifications:

- Updated dates.
- Includes optional language to accommodate Bylaws change if approved on May 1.
- Rules and Elections Committee takes over role of Volunteer Election Committee.
- Voter Registration at Board Meetings and on Election Day(s) rather than separate events.

After the Rules and Elections Committee met April 4, we received corrections and suggestions to our proposed election schedule from Jerry Kvasnicka, the Independent Election Administrator (IEA) that administered our 2005 election and who we have chosen as IEA for the 2006 election.

I have included a revised schedule based on Mr. Kvasnicka's suggestions and corrections. The primary changes include:

- Two Candidate Information Sessions (CIS) separate from Board Meetings
- Earlier Candidate Forum
- Suggestion that we hold the election on 1 day rather than over 2 days.

I would like the Board to approve a motion that includes the following points:

- Approve the draft procedures adopted by the Rules and Elections Committee on April 4
- Approve the incorporation of the revised timeline created from Mr. Kvasnicka's suggestions.
- Authorize the Rules and Elections Committee to make any further date changes as required to accommodate DONE Election Rules and Mr. Kvasnicka's schedule.

We must submit draft Election Rules to DONE at our April 18 Board of Officers meeting to satisfy the 140 day deadline required by DONE. The Board will have two more opportunities to review the Election Rules for the September 2006 election before they are finalized in June.

A blue ink handwritten signature of Richard Myers, consisting of a stylized first name and a long, sweeping horizontal line for the last name.

Richard Myers

(from J. Kvasnicka's template) GRVNC 2006 Election Date:	Sat	16-Sep-06	# of days
DRAFT Election Procedures Submitted to Board for approval	Tue	18-Apr-06	151
DRAFT Election Procedures Submitted to DONE & IEA for Review	Fri	21-Apr-06	148
DRAFT Election Procedures Due to DONE & IEA For Review	Sat	29-Apr-06	140
GRVNC Bylaw Amendment Presented To Stakeholders	Mon	1-May-06	138
DONE first review due to the Neighborhood Council	Thu	11-May-06	128
GRVNC Board Meeting to respond to DONE Review of Election Procedures	Tue	16-May-06	123
Response Submitted to DONE & IEA for Review	Fri	19-May-06	120
Neighborhood Council response to first review due to DONE	Fri	19-May-06	120
DONE Second Review / Last day for DONE Approval	Mon	29-May-06	110
GRVNC Board Meeting to approve Final Election Procedures	Tue	20-Jun-06	88
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GRVNC Board Meeting, Election Information Meeting and Voter Registration Session #1 (7pm to 9pm)	Tue	18-Jul-06	60
Last day for First Mass Distribution if using Write-in	Tue	18-Jul-06	60
Last Day for GRVNC Board to Approve Final Procedures	Tue	18-Jul-06	60
Last day to hold election informational meeting	Tue	18-Jul-06	60
Election notices should be posted by this date	Tue	18-Jul-06	60
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Candidate Information Session (CIS) and Registration #1 (7pm) (Optional)	Tue	25-Jul-06	53
GRVNC Board Meeting and Voter Registration Session #2 (7pm to 9pm)	Tue	15-Aug-06	32
Candidate Information Session (CIS) and Registration #2 (7pm)	Thu	17-Aug-06	30
Candidate Filing Deadline for printed ballot (9pm)	Thu	17-Aug-06	30
Last day to post prior to the election	Thu	17-Aug-06	30
Last date to hold candidate information session meeting	Thu	17-Aug-06	30
Last day for candidate filing if using a printed ballot	Thu	17-Aug-06	30
Candidate Statement and Picture Deadline for Printed Ballot (6pm)	Fri	18-Aug-06	29
Candidate Forum if using Vote By Mail	Wed	23-Aug-06	24
Last day for 2nd mass distribution if using VBM (app)	Sat	26-Aug-06	21
Voter Registration Session #3 (10am to 1pm)	Sun	27-Aug-06	20
Last day for IEA to receive application for VBM ballot	Sun	27-Aug-06	20
Last day for Voter to receive VBM ballot	Sat	9-Sep-06	7
Deadline for Write-In applications	Wed	13-Sep-06	3
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Election Day (Optional)	Sat	16-Sep-06	0
Election Day Absentee/Vote-by-Mail Walk-in Deadline (5:00 PM)	Sun	17-Sep-06	0
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Last day for IEA to complete Official Certified Canvass	Sat	23-Sep-06	7
Minimum last date for challenge period (5 days)	Thu	28-Sep-06	12
Last day to settle challenges (30 days)	Sat	28-Oct-06	42
Last day to provide NEW Board member info to DONE w/challenge	Sat	4-Nov-06	49
Last day of 1st extension of challenge settlement *	Sun	12-Nov-06	57
Last day to provide new Board member information to DONE	Sun	19-Nov-06	64
Last day for Final extension of settlement of challenges *	Mon	27-Nov-06	72
Last day to provide new Board member information to DONE	Mon	4-Dec-06	79

* if requested by FDM