

PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL BYLAWS
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ARTICLE I

NAME

NAME: The name of this organization shall be the PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL, hereinafter known as "PPCC."

ARTICLE II

MISSION AND POLICIES

Sec. 1. MISSION:

The mission of the PPCC is to protect and improve the quality of life in the Pacific Palisades, also known as the "Community."

The PPCC:

- A. Is a forum for the consideration of Community issues.
- B. Is an advocate for Pacific Palisades to government and private agencies upon issues where there is broad Community agreement as reflected by two-thirds of the Board members voting on any one of those issues at a PPCC Meeting.
- C. Assists other organizations in Pacific Palisades which want help in accomplishing their objectives or projects, which the PPCC determines to support.

Sec. 2. POLICIES: The policies of the PPCC are:

- A. To inform Community residents of forthcoming issues and projects.
- B. Not to interfere with the internal affairs of any individual, group or organization.
- C. Not to prohibit any individual or group or organization from speaking on any side of any issue at a PPCC meeting on which the individual or group or organization wants to be heard provided that the Chair may reasonably restrict the time and number of speakers on any side of an issue.
- D. Not to participate, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Bylaws, the following words and phrases are defined, and shall be construed as hereinafter set out, unless it shall be apparent from the context that they have a different meaning:

- A. "BOARD" shall mean the Board of Governors.
- B. "CHAIR" shall mean the presiding officer of the Board.

- C. "ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE" – shall mean a person occupying the position of At-large or Area Representative.
- D. "PACIFIC PALISADES" shall mean that area delineated on the map attached to Appendix B.
- E. PPCC shall mean the Pacific Palisades Community Council.
- F. "PPCC MEETING" shall mean a meeting of the Board.
- G. "RESIDENT" shall mean a person whose Principal Residence is within Pacific Palisades.
- H. "PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE" shall mean (1) voter registration address; (2) automobile registration home address, (3) the address where one normally returns after work, or (4) the place where one has spent the major portion of time within the prior twelve (12) months.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

The PPCC is composed of (1.) members of the Board and (2.) individuals who own real property located in, reside in, or operate a business located in Pacific Palisades.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sec. 1. ORGANIZATION.

- A. **The Board.** There shall be 23 voting members of the Board consisting of the Chair Emeritus (immediate past Chair), Nine Elected Representatives, the four officers specified in Sec. 2 of this Article and a representative from each of the nine Organizations Eligible to Send Representatives as specified in Appendix A ("Organizational Representative"). If a past Chair is unable or unwilling to serve as Chair Emeritus, this position shall be filled by the most recent past Chair willing to serve. A first Alternate Elected or Organizational Representative shall serve as the voting member of the Board at any PPCC Meeting where his or her corresponding voting member is not present.
- B. The Chair, with the advice and consent of the Board, shall appoint a Legal Advisor or Advisors who are qualified to practice law in the State of California, provided that if no attorney is willing to serve in that capacity, the Chair may appoint any qualified attorney who is a member of the Board to serve in that capacity. The Chair also shall appoint a Youth Advisor or Advisors and may appoint Special Advisors. Such Advisor or Advisors shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair, except that the Board may, by a motion approved by two-thirds of Board members voting, retain an Advisor not favored by the Chair to serve at the pleasure of the Board.
- C. The Legal Advisor and any Special or Youth Advisors shall be nonvoting advisors of the Board, provided, however, that if any voting member of the Board is appointed as a Legal Advisor, that member shall retain the right to vote.

Sec. 2. OFFICERS. The officers of the PPCC and the Board shall consist of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Treasurer and a Secretary. These four officers shall be elected by the voting members of the Board as provided in Article VII herein.

Sec. 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Board, the Chair Emeritus, an Elected Representative and a member of an organization who is a voting member. The latter two shall be selected and appointed by a majority vote of the officers and the Chair Emeritus.
- B. This Committee, by a majority of the entire Committee, shall act for the PPCC only on matters which require immediate PPCC action that cannot otherwise be completed in the usual course of PPCC business. The Chair shall report any actions taken by the Executive Committee to the Board at the next PPCC Meeting following the action taken by the Committee.

Sec. 4. PPCC COMMITTEES.

Except as provided in Sec. 3 above, all committees shall be appointed by the Chair. There shall be a Nominating Committee, an Election Committee, a "Three Chairs" Committee and such other committees as the Chair may appoint. All appointed committees shall terminate at midnight on June 30.

Sec. 5. PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

- A. Only an officer of the PPCC or other person designated by the Board or the Chair may make official statements on behalf of the PPCC or state a Board position on an issue which is not part of a public record. This limitation does not apply to Board authorized statements or to the conduct of routine communications consistent with the functions for which the individual has been appointed or elected.
- B. Whenever a member of the Board desires to make an oral or written statement under conditions which do not meet the specifications of Paragraph A above and that member identifies his/her affiliation with the Board, that member shall inform those to whom the statement is addressed that:
 - a. He or she is not officially representing the Board on the matter being addressed, and
 - b. The Board has considered the matter and taken no position, or
 - c. The Board has considered the matter and is still studying the matter, or
 - d. The Board has never considered the matter.
- C. No member of the Board shall misrepresent any position or policy approved by the Board, or if the Board has not approved a position or adopted a policy on an issue, misrepresent that the Board has taken a position.
- D. No PPCC officer or the Board shall impose any restrictions upon the expression of personal opinions by any PPCC officer or Board member, nor shall any PPCC officer or the Board impose any sanctions upon any PPCC officer or Board member for expressing his or her own personal opinion, so long as such expression of personal opinion is in keeping with the provisions stated above and in the PPCC Standing Rules.

Sec 6. LITIGATION. The Executive Committee shall not authorize the participation of PPCC in litigation as a plaintiff or petitioner, nor authorize the settlement of litigation brought against the PPCC. Any decision concerning the participation of PPCC in litigation or the settlement of litigation shall be made by the Board either at a regular PPCC Meeting or, if a decision must be made prior to the next regular PPCC Meeting, the Chair shall call a special PPCC Meeting.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. CHAIR. The Chair shall be the principal executive officer of the PPCC and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the PPCC. When present, the Chair shall preside at all PPCC Meetings. The Chair shall appoint all committees, temporary or permanent. The Chair shall see that all books, reports and certificates required by law are properly kept or filed. The Chair shall be one of the officers who may sign the checks or grants of the PPCC and who may approve payments from PPCC accounts. The Chair may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the PPCC authorized by the Board, any instruments that the Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board or by these bylaws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the PPCC. The Chair shall perform all duties incident to the office of Chair that can generally be attributed to this role, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time. The person elected as Chair may adopt the title: "PPCC President," to enhance communications with elected and government officials, peer organizations and the press.

Sec. 2. VICE-CHAIR. In the absence of the Chair or in the event of the Chair's inability or refusal to act in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or at the direction of the Board, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chair. The Vice Chair shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Vice Chair by the Chair or by the Board. The person elected as Vice Chair may adopt the title "PPCC Vice President," if the person elected as Chair has adopted the title: "PPCC President."

Sec. 3. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall (a) keep the minutes of the PPCC Meetings in the appropriate books or files; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records; (d) keep a record of the street address, post office address and email address, if any, of each Board member furnished to the Secretary by such member; and (e) in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Secretary by the Chair or by the Board. The Secretary may be one of the officers required to sign the checks and grants of the PPCC.

Sec. 4. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of all monies and other valuable effects in the name of and to the credit of the PPCC. The Treasurer shall deposit all such monies in the name of the PPCC in such banks and depositories as may be designated by the Board, but shall not be personally liable for the safekeeping of any

funds or securities so deposited pursuant to the order of the Board. The Treasurer shall be one of the officers who shall sign checks or grants of the PPCC. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the Treasurer to sign checks issued upon it. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the PPCC as may be ordered by the Board and shall render at each PPCC Meeting and at such other times as the Board may request, an account of the finances of the PPCC. The Treasurer shall provide, at the last PPCC Meeting in June, an income and expense statement for the previous 12 months and a balance sheet as of June 1. The Treasurer shall in general perform all the duties incident to the office of the Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Treasurer by the Chair or by the Board.

Sec. 5. The Board shall adopt a standing rule for check signing and reporting policies.

Sec. 6. COMPENSATION. No Board member or officer shall for reason of his or her office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an officer or member of the Board from receiving any compensation from the PPCC for duties other than those performed as a Board member or officer.

ARTICLE VII ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. No later than the first PPCC Meeting in April, the Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three Board members, to nominate a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, which shall meet at least once in person to select and approve a list of candidates. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least one Elected Representative. No current officer shall be a member of the Nominating Committee.

Sec. 2. NOMINATIONS. The Nominating Committee shall present its list of candidates at the first regular PPCC Meeting in May of each year. Candidates for the office of Chair must be past or present Board members. Candidates for any office must satisfy the membership requirements set forth in Article IV. In addition to the candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee, any Board member may nominate candidates until 15 minutes prior to the scheduled close of the second regular PPCC Meeting in May.

Sec. 3. CANDIDATES FORUM. If there are any contested offices, a candidates' forum shall be held during the first regular meeting in June.

Sec. 4. ELECTION. At the first regular PPCC Meeting in June of each year, after the candidates' forum (if applicable), the Board shall elect officers who shall take office on July 1 of that year.

A. If a candidate is unopposed, the Board may vote by acclamation. Otherwise, the voting shall be by written secret ballot. Election shall be by a majority of the Board members present. Blank ballots or abstentions shall be counted as "No" votes. Two non-voting members of the Board appointed by the Chair shall count ballots. The Chair shall ask PPCC's outside accountant to be present during the ballot counting. The numerical vote shall be announced.

B. If there are more than two candidates for an office and no one candidate received a

majority vote on the first ballot, a run-off election shall be held immediately between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes. If the vote is tied after the second ballot, the election shall be decided by a coin flip.

C. No Chair or Vice-Chair shall serve more than two consecutive one-year terms in that office.

D. At any PPCC Meeting when the Chair is absent, the presiding officer for that meeting shall be the Vice-Chair and in the absence of both the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the presiding officer for that meeting shall be the Treasurer.

E. In the event of permanent vacancy in the office of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer or Secretary, the presiding officer shall nominate a replacement who shall be seated after approval by a majority of the entire Board.

ARTICLE VIII

SELECTION AND ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sec. 1. REPRESENTATIVES.

A. ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES. There shall be two Categories of organizations: Categories with multiple organizations, and Categories with only one organization. Organizations eligible to send Representatives to serve on the Board are listed by Category in Appendix "A" attached hereto as a part of these Bylaws. By August 15 of each year, the Chair, or the Chair's designee, shall give notice to all organizations of the requirement for written certification of the appointed Representative and/or Alternate.

1. In the case of a Category represented by only one organization, that organization shall comply with the requirements of Article VIII.1.A.2(1), (2), (3) and (4) below by September 30. Absent timely compliance, that organization's voting right shall be suspended until there has been compliance. Such organization is entitled to designate both its Representative and its Alternate.
2. In the case of a Category with more than one organization the Representative and Alternate shall be determined annually as set forth below and in the "note" to Appendix "A."
 - (1).The designated Representative organization shall select a person to be its voting Representative to the Board.
 - (2).The organization scheduled to represent the Category in the following year shall be the Alternate. The Alternate is encouraged to attend all Board meetings and participate in Board deliberations and to vote in the absence of the Representative.
 - (3).Each Representative and Alternate shall be responsible to the organization he or she represents.
 - (4).Each Representative and Alternate organization shall be required to send to the Board a written certification of the name, purpose of the organization, description and number of its members, nature and frequency of meetings, fees or dues required, physical address, website, e-mail and telephone number.

- (5). If the designated Representative or Alternate fails to select a person to serve by September 15, the next organization in line will be notified that it is eligible to become the Representative or Alternate. If that organization fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (4), above, or to identify a person to serve within two weeks, then the next organization in line will become the Representative or Alternate and invited to appoint a person to serve within two weeks. This process shall continue until both a designated Representative and Alternate have selected a person to be their respective voting Representative to the Board.
 - (6). If the seat of any Representative is declared vacant pursuant to Article X, Sec. 3, the Alternate shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term as Representative and the next organization in line shall become Alternate. The Alternate which has become the Representative shall retain the right to serve a full term in its respective position the following year if the vacancy is declared after March 1. If the seat of any Alternate is so declared vacant, the next organization in line shall become Alternate
3. Any other organization not listed in Appendix "A", that believes it is not adequately represented by an organization in Appendix "A", may submit to the Chair an application for inclusion as an organization eligible to send representatives to serve on the Board. The application shall include a written certification of the information set forth in Article VIII.1.A.2 above. If recommended by the Chair and Executive Committee and approved by two-thirds of the entire Board, then that organization shall be added to Appendix "A".

B. AREA REPRESENTATIVES

1. One Representative shall be selected from each of the eight geographical areas shown on the map and generally described in Appendix "B" attached hereto as part of these Bylaws. In case of conflict between the map and the description, the map will govern. The descriptions interpret the map.
2. Area Representatives shall be elected by the Residents of each area. Each candidate must be a Resident of the area in which the candidate is running for office. Sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of voting, PPCC shall make public the manner in which an individual can become a candidate. Any individual desiring to be a candidate for election or re-election shall submit his or her application in accordance with the Election Procedure set forth in Attachment "A" herein.

C. ALTERNATE AREA REPRESENTATIVES

1. Following the election of Area Representatives, the Chair shall appoint a committee of three former Chairs which shall be chaired by the Chair Emeritus [most recent former Chair available to serve], and, publicize the opportunity to become an Alternate Area Representative giving not less than 15 days' notice.
2. This "Three Chairs" Committee shall nominate a proposed Alternate Area Representative for each area with input from the Area Representative. Any candidate for Alternate Representative must be a Resident of the area in which the

candidate seeks to be considered. Candidates shall submit a candidate statement as described in the Election Procedure, except there shall be no limitation on the length of such statement. Upon election by a majority of the Board members voting, an Alternate Area Representative shall serve as a voting member of the Board at any Board meeting from which the Area Representative is absent. If an Area Representative resigns or is unable to continue in office, the Alternate Representative shall become the Area Representative for the remainder of the elected term.

3. A second Alternate Area Representative for that Area shall be nominated by the Three Chairs Committee pursuant to the process described in subparagraph 2, above. Further details on second alternate election and succession shall be set forth by a Standing Rule which shall provide for not less than 30 days' notice to persons residing in the Area.

D. AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE

1. One representative shall be elected from the Community at large.
2. Any individual who is a Resident of, owns real property in, or operates a business in Pacific Palisades is eligible for election to the office of At-large Representative.
3. Sixty (60) days prior to the election, PPCC shall make public the manner in which an individual can become a candidate. Any individual desiring to be a candidate for election or re-election shall submit his or her application in accordance with the Election Procedure set forth in Attachment "A" herein.
4. Any individual who is a Resident of, owns real property in, or operates a business in Pacific Palisades is eligible to vote in the election of the At-large Representative. Voting shall be in accordance with the Election Procedure.
5. Following the election of the At-large Representative, the Chair shall appoint a committee of three former Chairs which shall be chaired by the Chair Emeritus [most recent former Chair available to serve]. Not less than 15 days' notice shall be given to individuals within the Pacific Palisades. The "Three Chairs" Committee shall nominate a proposed Alternate At-large Representative with input from the At-large Representative. Any candidate for Alternate At-large Representative shall submit a candidate statement as described in the Election Procedure, except there shall be no limitation on the length of such statement. Upon election by a majority of the Board members voting, an Alternate At-large Representative shall serve as a voting member of the Board at any Board meeting from which the At-large Representative is absent and, if the At-large Representative resigns or is unable to continue in office, shall become the At-large Representative for the remainder of the elected term.
6. A second Alternate At-large Representative shall be nominated by the "Three Chairs" Committee pursuant to the process described in subparagraph 5, above. Further details on second Alternate election and succession shall be set forth by a Standing Rule which shall provide for not less than 30 days' notice to persons who live, own property or own a business in Pacific Palisades.

Sec. 2. TERM OF OFFICE.

- A. **Organization Representatives and Alternates.** Each organization's Representative and Alternate shall serve for a term of one year in each of their positions subject to the provisions of Article VIII.1.A.1 and VIII.1.A.2 above, and with the term beginning at the commencement of the fiscal year. There is no limit to the number of reappointments of a Representative in a Category represented by only one organization. In the case of Categories with multiple organizations, the Representatives and Alternates will serve one year.
- B. **Elected Representatives.** Each Elected Representative shall serve for a term of two years, with the term beginning at the commencement of the fiscal year. The term of office of their respective Alternates shall expire simultaneously with the term of the Elected Representative.

ARTICLE IX
MEETINGS

Sec. 1. MEETINGS SHALL BE PUBLIC. All PPCC and Board meetings shall be open to the public and to the press, except for confidential matters which relate to personnel issues or litigation.

Sec. 2. SCHEDULE. The regular PPCC Meetings shall be on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month except during July, August, November and December when there shall be one regular PPCC Meeting, or when the Board has voted to cancel one or more of such meetings. The Chair, or in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, may call special PPCC Meetings as the Chair or Vice-Chair deems necessary.

Sec. 3. MINUTES. Minutes of each PPCC meeting shall be electronically available to Board members and the public.

Sec. 4. ORDER OF BUSINESS. The Order of Business for PPCC Meetings shall be as follows, subject to the Chair's discretion to rearrange the order of agenda items:

1. Reading of the PPCC's Mission from the Bylaws.
2. Introduction of the Board and Audience.
3. Certification of Quorum.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
5. Consideration of the Agenda.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Announcements and Concerns from Board Members.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Old Business.
10. New Business.
11. General Public Comment
12. Adjournment

Sec. 5. AGENDAS.

- A. Any member of the Board desiring to have an item included on the Agenda of a PPCC Meeting shall make a request to the Chair at least ten days in advance of the meeting. The Chair shall evaluate the request based upon the following three

criteria:

- a) Is the topic of concern to the Pacific Palisades community broadly?
- b) Is the topic urgent, subject to a deadline or directly related to other pending issues?
- c) Has the issue been previously considered by the Board?

If the Chair determines that the matter will be placed on the Agenda, the requesting Board member shall furnish sufficient information, preferably electronically, no later than four days prior to the PPCC Meeting .

- B. Distribution of Agenda. A copy of the Agenda shall be distributed to the PPCC email list at least 72 hours in advance of the PPCC Meeting except when a special PPCC Meeting is called, in which case the Agenda will be distributed 24 hours in advance of the special PPCC Meeting.

Sec. 6. SENSE OF BOARD. At the Chair's discretion, informal "sense of the Board" votes or "straw polls" may be taken during Board meetings for informational purposes only.

Sec. 7. PUBLIC INPUT. Subject to the Chair's discretion to limit the total amount of time allocated on particular issues and for each individual speaker, every member of the public attending a PPCC Meeting shall have the opportunity to directly address the Board on any Agenda item. General Public Comment shall be reserved for non-Board members to speak on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PPCC, provided that no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the distributed Agenda.

ARTICLE X VOTING AND QUORUM

Sec. 1. QUORUM. No formal PPCC Meeting shall be held or business conducted or votes taken in the absence of a Quorum. A Quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the entire Board.

Sec. 2. VOTING. Two-thirds of the Board members voting shall be required to pass motions which deal with substantive and policy matters of the PPCC. A majority (more than one half) of the Board Members voting shall be required to pass motions of an administrative nature (e.g., approval of motions to adjourn).

- A. FRACTIONS. If a vote requires a 2/3 majority to pass, and the number that equals 2/3 of those present and eligible to vote ("voters") includes a fraction equal to or greater than one-half, the result shall be rounded to the next higher whole number. If the number that equals 2/3 of those present and eligible to vote includes a fraction that is less than one-half, the result shall be rounded to the next lower whole number.

Example	Voters	
	Present	2/3 rd Vote
	23	15
	22	15

21	14
20	13
19	13
18	12
17	11
16	11
15	10
14	9
13	9

B. POSTPONEMENT. After a motion (other than a motion to adjourn) has been made and seconded, any Board member who is an organizational representative may, by so requesting of the Board, require a postponement of the vote on said motion until the next PPCC Meeting, provided such member states that he or she is requesting the postponement for the purpose of consulting with the organization he or she represents. However, no vote may be postponed more than once except by approval of a majority of the Board members present. Any other motion for a postponement of the vote on a motion must be approved by a majority of the Board members present.

Sec. 3. ATTENDANCE.

If a Board member other than an organizational Representative fails to attend three consecutive regular PPCC Meetings without compelling reason, as determined by the Chair or presiding officer in his or her sole discretion, the Board member is deemed to have resigned. At the following regular PPCC Meeting, the Board member's Alternate assumes the seat. If there is no such alternate, the Chair or Presiding Officer shall ignore the seat when computing the quorum and tallying votes until a new Board member is selected.

If an organization in a Category represented by only one organization fails to have a Representative attend two consecutive regular PPCC Meetings without compelling reason as determined by the Chair or presiding officer in his or her sole discretion, the organization shall be notified that, if no Representative attends two further consecutive PPCC Meetings without compelling reason, the organization shall not be included when computing quorum nor be eligible to vote until after a Representative has attended two consecutive PPCC Meetings. If a Board Member who represents an organization in a Category that contains more than one organization fails to attend two consecutive regular PPCC Meetings without compelling reason, as determined by the Chair or presiding officer in his or her sole discretion, the organization shall be notified that, if its Representative fails to attend the next regular PPCC Meeting without compelling reason, it will lose the seat and be placed at the end of rotation for that Category, while the organization next in line shall assume the seat for the remainder of the term and that organization shall also retain the seat for its normal rotation during the following term.

ARTICLE XI
FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL shall commence on the first day of October each year and end on September 30 the following year.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. EFFECTIVE DATE: The Bylaws of the PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL shall become effective upon the date of adoption by the Board and shall thereupon supersede all prior Bylaws.

Sec. 2. HOW AMENDED:

- A. The Bylaws may be amended, repealed or new Bylaws adopted at any regular PPCC Meeting or at any special PPCC Meeting called for that purpose. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Board members present shall be necessary to amend or repeal any Bylaw or to adopt a new Bylaw. Abstentions shall be counted as "No" votes.
- B. No amendment or new Bylaw may be voted upon until the entire text has been distributed with the Agenda for two consecutive PPCC Meetings.

Sec. 3. NO SUSPENSION: No Article of Incorporation, Bylaw or Standing Rule of the PPCC shall be suspended at any meeting.

ARTICLE XIII
LEGAL ADVISOR

The Legal Advisor shall:

- A. Participate in the meetings and activities of the PPCC as an *ex-officio* member
- B. Be an *ex-officio* member of all committees and sub-committees.
- C. Report directly to the Chair and the term of Legal Advisor shall be identical with that of the Chair.
- D. At the request of the Chair, assist the Board in drafting resolutions, proposals of other documents of a legal nature; act as liaison between the PPCC and legislative, administrative or other bodies; and render opinions relating to legal questions of the PPCC.
- E. Be familiar with the ordinances and statutes applicable to the PPCC.
- F. Act as Parliamentarian for the PPCC.

ARTICLE XIV
YOUTH ADVISOR

A Youth Advisor shall represent the interests of youth in the community. The Youth Advisor shall attend and participate in PPCC Meetings and may serve on a committee or

committees of the Board. There shall be as many Youth Advisors as the Chair appoints. Appointment shall be subject to consent of a majority of the Board members voting. Youth Advisors shall be Residents of or attend high school in Pacific Palisades and shall serve a one-year term subject to reappointment to additional terms.

ARTICLE XV DISCIPLINE

Sec. 1. Each member of the Board who knows or should know that he or she is violating the Constitution, these Bylaws or the Standing Rules, or is convicted of a felony while a member of the Board ("Violation"), shall be subject to discipline at the discretion of the Board up to and including removal from the Board. Such discipline may include warnings, private or public reproof. No member of the Board shall accuse another member of the Board of such Violation except through the process outlined in this Article.

Sec. 2. Any member of the Board who becomes aware of a Violation may request an investigation into whether a Violation may have occurred. If the Chair is alleged to have committed the Violation or is the complainant, the Chair Emeritus shall investigate and shall act as Chair on all matters relating to this action and in that case the use of the term 'Chair' in this section shall include the Chair Emeritus when appropriate. The accused and complainant shall not be members of any committees regarding the complaint or vote on any Board resolution on the matter.

The Chair shall interview the Board member who is alleged to have committed the Violation. The Chair may appoint an ad-hoc committee to assist in the process.

If the member admits the Violation or the conviction, the matter will then be placed on the PPCC Meeting Agenda as a confidential matter for action in accordance with Sections 5 through 8 below.

If the member denies committing the Violation or states that he or she did not know and could not have known that he or she was committing the Violation, the Chair shall appoint an Investigating Committee.

Sec. 3. The **Investigating Committee** shall consist of three persons who are Board members at the time the committee is appointed, including one officer who shall be the Committee Chair and at least one Elected Representative. This committee shall serve until the matter is resolved.

The Investigating Committee shall investigate the complaint and determine whether or not there was a Violation. If it determines by a majority of the entire committee, that there was a Violation, the Investigating Committee shall recommend to the Chair what discipline, if any, should be applied. The matter shall then be placed on the PPCC Meeting Agenda as a confidential matter for action in accordance with Sections 5 through 8 below. If the Investigating Committee determines there was no Violation that shall end the matter. The accused and the complainant shall be advised of the determination and recommendation.

Sec. 4. **Reviewing Committee.** If either the complainant or the member alleged to have committed the Violation is dissatisfied with the determination of the Investigating

Committee, the matter shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee except that no member of the Executive Committee who served on the Investigating Committee shall be part of the Reviewing Committee. In place of any such member, the Chair shall appoint another member of the Board to participate in the review. If the Reviewing Committee determines by a majority of the entire committee there was no Violation, that shall end the matter. If the Reviewing Committee concludes there was a Violation, it shall also recommend what discipline should be imposed and report to the Chair. The matter will then be placed on the PPCC Meeting Agenda as a confidential matter for action in accordance with Sections 5 through 8 below. The Board shall be advised of the determination of the Investigating Committee and the Reviewing Committee.

Sec. 5. All proceedings of the Investigating Committee, the Reviewing Committee and the Board relating to the complaint shall be kept confidential, except that if two-thirds of the Board members present decide that the discipline shall be made public, the Chair shall announce the result of the Board action in an open PPCC Meeting. In deciding whether the discipline shall be made public, the Board may take into account any resignation that is tendered

Sec. 6. **Board Determination.** All voting shall be done by secret written ballot with two-thirds vote of the Board members present required to determine if there has been a Violation. Blank ballots or abstentions shall be counted as "No" votes. The person who is the then-current Secretary shall count the votes on the ballots, announce the vote and retain the ballots for one year, except if that person is the accused or the complainant, in which case these duties shall be performed by the Chair.

The determination of whether there shall be any sanction, and if so, what that sanction shall be is to be determined by the same voting procedure.

Sec. 7. Any Board member accused of having committed a Violation has the right to be present at all meetings of the committees and the Board in which his or her case is at issue but at the discretion of either the committees or the Board, as determined by two-thirds of the Board members present, shall be excluded during any proceedings in which the committees or Board members are deliberating and voting on the action to be taken. The accused Board member shall be given notice at least 72 hours prior to any such meeting.

Sec. 8. No Board member shall disclose to any person who did not participate in the proceedings or vote, any of the proceedings taken pursuant to this Article except anything that was announced publicly by the Board.

ARTICLE XVI STANDING RULES

Standing Rules may be approved by the Board to supplement the administration of the Bylaws. Such Rules shall be in addition to the Bylaws and shall not be construed to change or replace any Bylaw. If there is any conflict between a provision of the Bylaws and a Standing Rule, the Bylaw shall govern. Standing Rules may be adopted, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the Board members present at any duly noticed PPCC Meeting. Standing Rules are attached to the Bylaws as Appendix C.

BYLAWS APPENDIX A

ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES

- I. Business and Commerce:
 - Chamber of Commerce
- II. Culture and Aesthetics:
 - 1. Friends of the Library
 - 2. Pacific Palisades Garden Club
 - 3. Palisades Beautiful
 - 4. Theatre Palisades
- III. Education: *
 - PTA and/or Advisory Councils representing local schools:
 - A. Public
 - 1. Canyon Charter School
 - 2. Marquez Charter School
 - 3. Palisades Elementary Charter School
 - 4. Palisades Charter High School
 - 5. Paul Revere Charter Middle School
 - B. Private
 - 6. Corpus Christi School
 - 7. St. Matthew's Parish School
 - 8. Calvary Christian School
 - 9. Village School
 - 10. Seven Arrows Elementary School
 - 11. Westside Waldorf School
- IV. Historian:
 - Pacific Palisades Historical Society
- V. Civic Organizations:
 - 1. Civic League
 - 2. P.R.I.D.E
- VI. Recreation:
 - 1. AYSO
 - 2. PPBA
 - 3. YMCA
- VII. Environment:
 - Temescal Canyon Association
- VIII. Service Clubs:
 - 1. American Legion
 - 2. Optimist Club
 - 3. Pacific Palisades Woman's Club
 - 4. Rotary Club
- IX. Residents Association
 - Pacific Palisades Residents Association

Note: In categories with more than one represented organization, the next representative in line shall serve as the alternate. In categories with one represented organization, the organization may designate an alternate.

*Representation from these Categories shall alternate each year between the Public Schools and the Private Schools

BYLAWS APPENDIX B

Area Representative Boundaries – Description and Map

Note:

1. References to named boulevards, streets, roads, and trails (“Streets”) include the associated addresses and the public Rights-of-Way and facilities along these roadways. Area boundaries defined by named Streets shall be determined by the center line of the Street except as otherwise provided.
2. The term “access to [street name]” means all streets, roads, and trails with direct or indirect access to the named street.
3. The bold faced headings for each area are summary information only. The detailed descriptions of the Area boundaries are contained in the numbered paragraph.
4. In case of a conflict between the map and the descriptions, the map will govern. The descriptions interpret the map.
5. Uninhabited State Park lands are assumed to be of interest to the adjoining Areas.

AREA 1 **Castellammare, Paseo Miramar, Pacific View Estates, Los Lions Park, the Self Realization Fellowship Temple, the Malibu Village mobile home park, and Sunset Boulevard from Pacific Coast Highway to Palisades Drive, including the following:**

1. Both sides of Sunset Boulevard from the ocean up to but excluding Palisades Drive and all road and trails with access to that portion of Sunset Boulevard, except the residential/commercial district and school located at the south end of Palisades Drive and Sunset Boulevard.
2. Surfview Drive and all streets, roads, and trails with access to Surfview Drive up to the Los Angeles City Limits to the west.
3. The northern boundary is Topanga State and Santa Ynez Canyon Parks. The southern boundary is the ocean.

AREA 2 **The Highlands, including Palisades Drive, the Santa Ynez Reservoir, Santa Ynez Canyon Park, including the following:**

1. Palisades Drive and all streets and roads, including all residential, commercial, religious and educational facilities, with access to Palisades Drive.
2. The Southern Boundary is Sunset Blvd.

AREA 3 Marquez Knolls and both sides of Sunset Boulevard from Palisades Drive to Bienveneda Avenue, Saint Matthew's School, and the Bel Air Bay Club, including the following:

1. From Sunset Blvd. the western border is the eastern boundary of Area 2, north to 16882 Charmel Lane.
2. The northern boundary is the southern border of Topanga State Park.
3. The eastern boundary is the rear lot line of properties on the east side of Bienveneda and Shadow Mountain Drive., Via Anita and Via Cresta and thence westerly from 1479 Via Cresta to Bienveneda.
4. Both sides of Bienveneda Avenue south to Sunset Boulevard excluding Las Pulgas Road.
5. The eastern boundary south of Sunset Blvd. includes both sides of Baylor Street, and runs along Las Casas to the Pacific Ocean, not including houses on either side of Las Casas.

AREA 4 North and south of Sunset Boulevard from Bienveneda Avenue to Temescal Canyon Road, the Palisades Bowl and Tahitian Terrace mobile home parks at Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades and Canyon High Schools, and the westerly portion of Temescal Canyon Park, including the following:

1. The western boundary is the eastern boundary of Area 3 including both sides of Las Casas Ave., N. Grenola St. and N. Marquette St.
2. The northern boundary is Topanga State Park.
3. The eastern boundary is Temescal Canyon Trail and Temescal Canyon Road to the Pacific Ocean.

AREA 5 North side of Sunset Boulevard from Temescal Canyon Road to Rivas Canyon Road and portions of Topanga State Park, including the following:

1. The western boundary is Temescal Canyon Road north of Sunset Blvd. and Temescal Canyon Trail.
2. The northern boundary is Topanga State Park.
3. The eastern boundary is Will Rogers State Park continuing south to encompass all properties on Marinette Road and on the east side of Chautauqua Blvd., including Gallaudet Place to Sunset Blvd.
4. The southern boundary is Sunset Blvd. from upper Chautauqua to Temescal Canyon Road.

AREA 6 **Temescal Canyon Road from the Pacific Ocean to Sunset Boulevard including the easterly portion of Temescal Canyon Park; east to the east side of Chautauqua Boulevard; Chautauqua Boulevard both sides south to the Vance/Corona del Mar Drive intersection; Chautauqua Boulevard to the Pacific Ocean. Includes the following:**

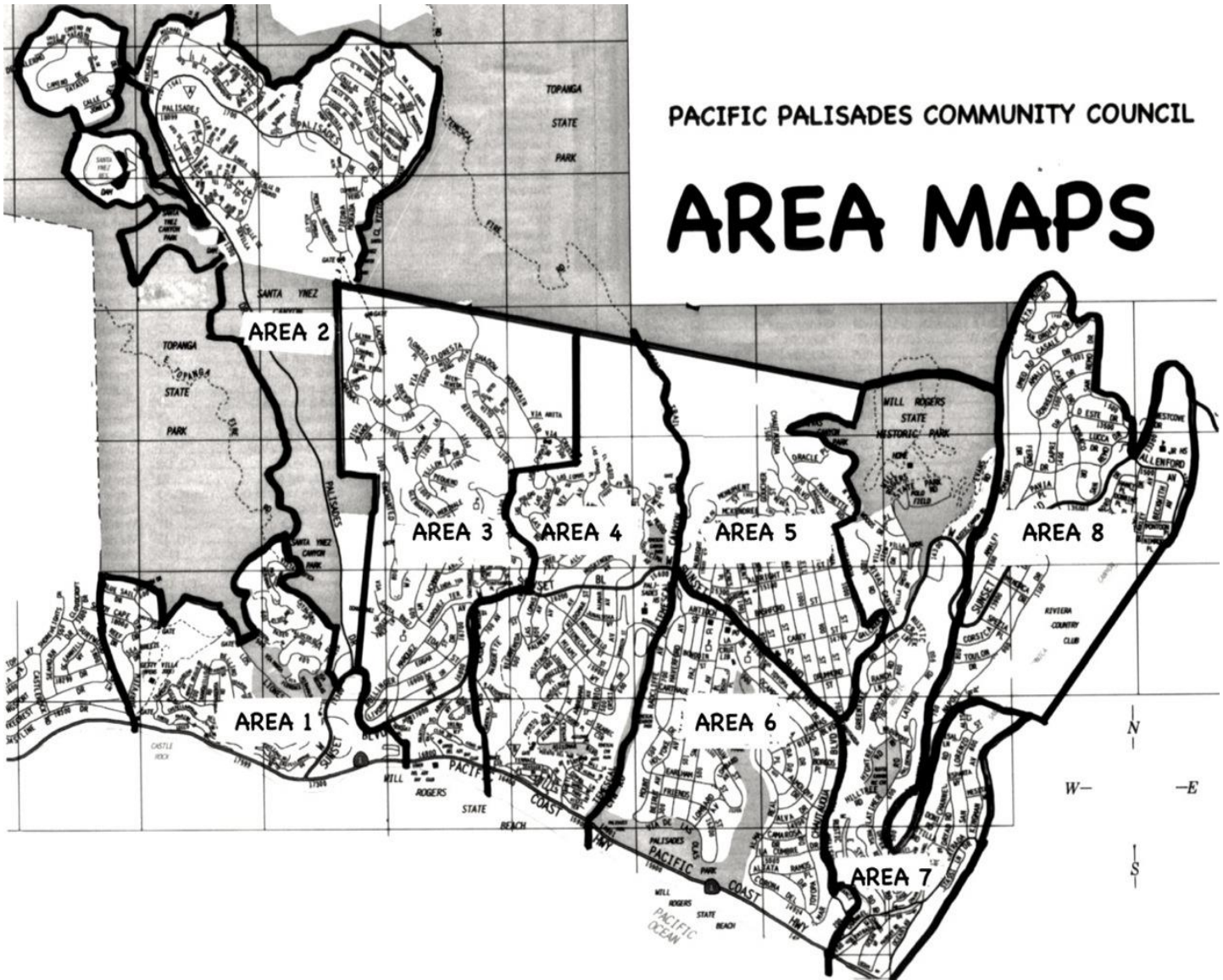
1. The western boundary is Temescal Canyon Road north from the Pacific Ocean to Sunset Boulevard.
2. The northern boundary is Sunset Boulevard east to Chautauqua including 692 Chautauqua Blvd.
3. The eastern boundary is all residences on the east side of Chautauqua Boulevard south to the Pacific Ocean including Vance Street.
4. The southern boundary is the Pacific Ocean.

AREA 7 **Santa Monica, Rustic and Lower Rivas Canyons, Rivas Canyon Park, Will Rogers State Park, and Rustic Canyon Recreation Center, including the following:**

1. The western boundary is the eastern boundaries of Areas 5 and 6.
2. The northern boundary is Topanga State Park. The eastern boundary is the western lot line of adjacent properties in the "Upper Riviera" area including all of Evans Road south to Sunset Blvd.
3. South on Sunset Blvd from Evans Road to the west side of Amalfi, continuing south on Amalfi, including Spoleto Dr. to 400 Amalfi Drive and returning north on Amalfi to 750 Napoli (excluding all residences on Spoleto, Amalfi from 400 Amalfi and on Spoleto) to the southwest corner of the Riviera Country Club.
4. Southeast along the southwest side of the Riviera Country Club to the boundary of the City of Santa Monica.
5. The eastern boundary is the City of Santa Monica.
6. The Southern boundary is the Pacific Ocean.

AREA 8 **Riviera sections North and south of Sunset Boulevard up to Allenford Avenue, the Paul Revere School grounds, and the Riviera Country Club, including the following.**

1. The western boundary is the eastern boundary of Area 7 including all addresses on Amalfi above 399.
2. The northern boundary is Casale and Alta Mura (all both sides).
3. The Eastern border is San Remo to 13316 Sunset Blvd.; Allenford (both sides including Paul Revere Middle School) to the Santa Monica boundary.
4. The southern boundary is Area 7.



BYLAWS APPENDIX C.

STANDING RULES

PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SR-1. At the beginning of each meeting of the Board, the mission statement of the Community Council shall be read as set forth in Article II, Section 1 of the Bylaws.

SR-2. Any procedure not referred to in the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws for the conduct of meetings shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order endorsed by the National Association of Parliamentarians.

SR-3. Board Representatives from categories which consist of only one organization should give notice to their category and the organization they represent by Sept. 1 of each year to select the Representative for the next fiscal year.

SR-4. Any organization or group may petition the Board to be included in a category set forth in Appendix "A" to the Bylaws.

SR-5. Check signing rule. The Treasurer shall file signature cards with financial institutions that contain the signatures of at least two officers of the Board, one of which shall be the Treasurer. Checks or withdrawals may be made with only one signature and shall only be for purposes authorized by the Board or the Executive Committee

SR-6. Every new member of the Board shall review the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

SR-7. A second Alternate may be elected at any time for an Area Representative or the At-large Representative. The procedures for election of Alternate Representatives set forth in Article VIII of the bylaws shall be followed. A minimum of 30-days' public notice shall be given to persons eligible to represent the area. The second Alternate shall take office upon election by the Board and serve until the expiration of the term of the Representative. The second Alternate shall have all the rights of the first Alternate and will vote in the absence of the Representative and the first Alternate Representative. If the office of the Representative becomes vacant for any reason, the first Alternate is "promoted" to Representative. If the office of the first Alternate becomes vacant for any reason, the second Alternate is "promoted" to first Alternate.

SR-8. Following Board approval of any amendments to the Bylaws (including Appendices A and B), Appendix C, Appendix D and Attachment A, the bylaws committee duly appointed by the Chair may correct typographical errors and informalities discovered during conversion of the final draft, with approval of a majority of the entire Executive Committee.

SR-9. CODE OF CONDUCT

BASIC TENETS

All Board members should:

1. Demonstrate courtesy and respect to others while participating in PPCC related matters including meetings and public forums.
2. Prepare in advance of meetings and be familiar with issues on the agenda.
3. Serve as a model of leadership and civility to the community.
4. Inspire public confidence in the Pacific Palisades Community Council.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All Board members shall:

1. **Honor the role of the Chair in maintaining order.** It is the responsibility of the Chair (including committee chairs) to keep discussion on track during meetings. Board members shall honor efforts by the Chair to focus discussion on the topic. Board members, as well as the audience, shall only speak when called upon by the Chair and, except for the Chair, shall not interrupt someone who has been called upon by the Chair. However, this shall not preclude Board members from interrupting to make a point of order.
2. **Practice civility, professionalism and decorum in discussion and debate.** Board members shall not make belligerent, personal, threatening, impertinent, profane or disparaging comments or gestures nor use derogatory language about an individual's ethnicity, race, sexuality, age, disability or religion.
3. **Continue respectful behavior before and after PPCC Meetings.** The standard of civility set forth herein is required of Board members at all times when engaging in discussion of PPCC matters wherever and whenever such discussions might take place.
4. Be welcoming, respectful and courteous to members of the public and speakers.

Board members shall not solicit business at PPCC Meetings or by using the aggregate email distribution list of the PPCC.

SR-10. ATTENDANCE

All Board members should make every effort to attend all regularly scheduled PPCC Meetings.

BYLAWS APPENDIX D.

[Note: Appendix D is included with the Bylaws for convenience only. This Appendix reflects Board policy that may be amended without the two-distribution requirement that applies to the actual Bylaws and Appendices A and B. Amendment of this Appendix shall be by two-thirds of the Board members voting.]

Pacific Palisades Community Council Guiding Principles:

The PPCC maintains that planning and zoning regulations, building codes, rules, restrictions, and ordinances have been established for the good of the community. They should be applied, upheld and enforced by the Zoning Administrator, Building and Safety, and other governing bodies with jurisdiction over the approval, execution, and enforcement processes.

When variances, variations, or exceptions are considered by governmental entities, PPCC's position is to support strict scrutiny and adherence to all legal measures which govern land use, structures, and vegetation. On a case-by-case basis the PPCC may support such requests if the proposed project positively affects health and safety, or is in the best interest of the neighborhood or the community in general. PPCC may take a formal position on an individual issue pertaining to variances, variations, or exceptions when requested to do so.

PPCC expects governing bodies to notify all affected parties of any proposed developments or requests for variances from codes and regulations as well as proposed, approved or pending changes to such regulations.

Adopted 01-12-06

BYLAWS ATTACHMENT A

[Note: Attachment included with the Bylaws for convenience only. This Attachment reflects Board policy that may be amended without the two-distribution requirement that applies to the actual Bylaws and Appendices A and B. Amendment of this Attachment shall be by a majority of the Board members voting.]

All candidates for Elected Representative shall comply with the PPCC Code of Conduct as set forth in the Standing Rules attached to the Bylaws.

Election Procedure for Elected Representatives

Sec. 1. Election Committee.

A. On or before the first meeting in June, the Chair shall appoint an Election Committee which shall consist of five persons selected by the Chair, none of whom shall be a candidate for Elected Representative.

B. The Committee shall be responsible for implementing and supervising the elections of the Elected Representatives as provided herein.

Sec. 2. Notice of Election.

A. Sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of voting, the Election Committee will make public a Notice of Election which sets forth the offices up for election, the qualifications necessary for the offices, and the deadlines for submitting nominations. The Notice should also include persons who may be contacted for information on the elections. Notice to the candidates of the obligation, if elected, to immediately inform the Chair of a change in Principal Residence shall also be included.

B. In making public a Notice of Election, the Chair and Election Committee shall decide on appropriate means to notify as many Residents as reasonably feasible by using, for example, local newspapers, internet and PPCC mailing list.

Sec. 3. Nomination Process.

A. Dissemination of election procedures. Any incumbent, as well as any person indicating an interest in becoming a candidate, shall be directed to the PPCC website for a complete description of the PPCC Election Procedures.

B. Boundaries.

1. The boundary for the At-large Representative is the Pacific Palisades Area shown on the Boundary Map of Pacific Palisades, as contained in Appendix "B" to the Bylaws.

2. The boundary of each Area is shown on the Boundary Map of Pacific Palisades, as contained in Appendix "B."

C. Nomination Papers. Only the candidate can prepare the document submitting or withdrawing his/her own nomination.

D. Filing Deadlines.

1. All candidates. Any candidate, including any incumbent running for reelection, must submit a Candidate's Application and Statement prior to or at the regularly scheduled July PPCC Meeting, at which time the Chair will announce the list of candidates. If there is a person whose name has not been announced who it is believed has erroneously been left off the list of candidates, that person or someone designated by that person must be present at that July PPCC Meeting with that Candidate's Application and Statement and must submit the statement to the Chair immediately following the announcement of the list of candidates.

2. Additional requirement for incumbent. Prior to the first PPCC Meeting in June, incumbent Elected Representatives must notify the Chair in writing whether or not they will run for reelection. At the first PPCC Meeting in June, the Chair shall announce the names of the incumbents who are running for reelection. If the Chair is not notified before that meeting, the incumbent will be deemed conclusively not to be running.

E. Notice Procedure. Any notification or statement required by this nomination process:

1. shall be given by personal delivery to the Chair, or to the presiding officer prior to the July PPCC Meeting, or

2. shall be sent by email to the Chair prior to the July PPCC Meeting, or

3. must be mailed to the Pacific Palisades Community Council, P.O. Box 1131, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272, by a delivery process which shows a U. S. postmark indicating it was mailed at least seven days prior to the date of the July PPCC Meeting and which requires a return receipt. Timely submittal of a posted document is determined by the official U.S. Postal Service postmark. Business or home office meter-stamp dates are not acceptable as evidence of timely submittal.

F. Withdrawal of Nomination. Any person who decides to withdraw must notify the Chair in writing of that decision. Such notice shall be given in writing by personal delivery or email to the Chair. Votes for candidates who withdraw shall not be counted.

G. Candidate Application and Statement.

Each Candidate's Application and Statement shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Number of years as a Resident.
2. Number of years as a Resident in the area for which the candidate is seeking election.
3. Number of years at current Principal Residence and that address.
4. In the case of a candidate for At-large Representative, the current business address or address of real property owned in Pacific Palisades.
5. Position on issues the candidate believes are of importance to the Community or to the candidate's area. Maximum of 100 words. If a Statement is over 100 words, it will be edited by the Chair or the Chair's designee.

Sec. 4. Preparation of Ballots.

A. Ballots shall include the names of each candidate for Elected Representative and the Candidates' Statements. The candidates for the At-large Representative should be listed separately and below the list of Area Representative candidates. On the ballot will be a "Statement of Eligibility To Vote for the At-large Candidate." and the following places to check:

Statement of Eligibility To Vote for the At-large Candidate

Check Only One

Pacific Palisades Principal Residence located at:

Owner of real property in the Pacific Palisades located at:

Operator of a business in the Pacific Palisades located at:

Signature _____ Date _____

B. Ballot Distribution.

1. Notice. On or before the distribution of the ballots, the Election Committee shall prepare a Notice of Ballot Availability listing all the candidates; stating:
 - a) how and where ballots may be obtained;
 - b) the last day that ballots may be electronically cast, or postmarked if mailed pursuant to a Voting Alternative under Sec. 5. B., below; and
 - c) such other information as may be useful.

The Notice will be distributed in the same manner as set forth herein for the Notice of Election.

2. Distribution. A link to the electronic ballot shall be made available in the same manner as set forth herein in the Notice of Election. The Election Committee shall take reasonable steps to assist any individual eligible voter who is unable to access the electronic ballot and requests assistance in doing so.

Sec. 5. Voting Process.

A. Eligibility to Vote. Any individual 18 years of age or over on the deadline for ballot submission is eligible to vote, subject to the additional requirements of A.1. and A.2., below.

1. Area Representatives. Only Residents may vote and there shall be only one vote per Resident.

2. At-large Representative. Any individual who is a Resident of, owns real property in, or operates a business in Pacific Palisades is eligible to vote for the At-large Representative.

B. Casting of Ballots. Voting shall be by electronic ballot accessed on the PPCC website. The Election Committee also may provide for reasonable in-person voting procedures or paper ballots ("Voting Alternative") to assist eligible voters who are unable to access the electronic ballot. Any Voting Alternative shall be announced in the same manner as the Notice of Election.

C. Deadline. The Board shall set a deadline for all ballots. Electronic ballots must be submitted as instructed on the PPCC website.

1. There shall be no write-in candidates.

2. If there is only one candidate for an Elected Representative office, the name of that person shall still appear on the ballot.

Sec. 6. Counting Process.

A. Opening of ballots. The ballots shall be opened in the presence of the Election Committee within two weeks of the last ballot deadline set by the Board.

B. Disqualification of a vote or a ballot.

1. Grounds for disqualification of a ballot. Ballots shall be disqualified if:

a) The voter's eligibility cannot be determined.

b) A voter votes for more than one candidate in his or her area without ranking his or her preferences for instant runoff or for no candidate in his or her area.

c) The ballot is not timely returned.

d) A ballot other than the ballot supplied by the Board is returned.

e) A ballot is incomplete or contains false information.

2. Grounds for disqualification of a vote.

a) A vote for an Area Representative shall be disqualified if the voter has voted for both an Area Representative and an At-large Representative but is only eligible to vote for the At-large Representative.

b) A vote for the At-large Representative shall be disqualified if the Statement of Eligibility is not completed or is not signed or contains false information.

c) If the Election Committee determines that a voter has cast a vote for more than one candidate for a particular office, those votes shall be disqualified. If a ballot is cast for candidates from multiple areas, only the vote cast for the correct area shall be counted.

3. Decision. A majority of the members of the Election Committee present during the counting of ballots must agree for a ballot, or a portion thereof, to be disqualified.

C. Counting.

1. The votes in contested elections shall be counted twice, with at least two persons participating in each tabulation.

2. If a voter votes for candidates in more than one area, only the vote for a candidate in the voter's area shall be counted.

3. The instant runoff voting procedure shall be used for contested elections involving three or more candidates. The ballot shall provide for each voter to indicate the voter's runoff choices by ranking candidates in order of preference, i.e., 1,2,3. If no candidate is the first choice of at least half of the voters, a runoff count shall be conducted. The counting of ballots simulates a series of runoff elections, eliminating the candidates from the bottom who have the least support. In each round, every voter's ballot counts as a single vote for his or her top-ranked candidate who is still in the running, as indicated on that voter's ballot. Candidates with the least support or who have withdrawn are eliminated. Counting continues until there are just two candidates remaining. A majority elects the finalist with the highest number of votes. Should the finalists tie; the winner shall be determined by a coin toss.

D. Results.

The names of the Area and At-large Representative candidates who have been elected and the number of votes received by each shall be released first to each candidate and then, no later than the first PPCC Meeting in September, to the public. The Chair shall release the vote totals upon request.

E. Preservation of ballots. Ballots shall be preserved until the close of the second meeting following the release of the election results unless a challenge by a candidate to the results is pending.

F. Challenge. Only a Candidate in a contested election may challenge the results. Such challenge shall be in writing and shall state the reasons for the challenge. Any challenge:

1. shall be given by personal delivery to the Chair or to the presiding officer at a PPCC Meeting, if such meeting occurs within 10 calendar days following the release of the election results, or
2. shall be sent by email to the Chair no later than 10 calendar days following the release of the election results or,
3. must be mailed to the Pacific Palisades Community Council, P.O. Box 1131, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272, by a delivery process which shows a U. S. postmark indicating that it was mailed within the 10 calendar day period prior and which requires a return receipt. Timely submission of a document is determined by the official U.S. Postal Service postmark. Business or home office meter-stamp dates are not acceptable as evidence of timely submittal.

All candidates in any contested election as to which a timely challenge is made shall be notified of the challenge. The Executive Committee in conjunction with the Election Committee shall make the final determination on any timely election challenge. If needed for the determination, the ballots may be made available to members of the two committees but shall not be made available to any other persons.

Sec. 7. Area and At-large Alternates.

See Article VIII, 1.C and 1.D of the Bylaws and Standing Rule 7 for the procedures relevant to the election of Area and At-large Alternate Representatives.