

COMMUNITY COUNCIL BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
May 7th, 1994

Long term goal: Community wide elected representatives. Two years after the adoption of the new by-laws a committee selected with the approval of the full Council will study ways and means of electing representatives. These recommendations will be considered for adoption by the full Council.

Short term goal: Need to broaden base of Council beyond the already existing organizations by including all areas and interested residents in the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Divide Pacific Palisades into 8 geographical areas thus creating 8 new council seats. These will be non-permanent seats, elected annually, with a two year limit of representation. Announcements will be sent to all homeowners groups inviting them to send nominations for candidates to Council.
 2. Each interested homeowners group will be allowed to nominate one representative and one alternate from that area. A rotation method will be used if there is more than one homeowners group in the area.
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Any resident may be nominated or may nominate a candidate. All residents are eligible to vote for their area representative to the Council at the end of the two years when the plan comes up for review.

3. The Council will select a nominating committee composed of any number from 3-5 chairman emeriti from the previous ten year period who with the approval of a majority of the full Council will determine the slate of new representatives. In the event of a contest the same procedure will apply.

The By-Laws committee recognizes a certain dilemma inherent in this particular procedure, that being the level of fairness in choosing among several candidates from the same area. This dilemma will be some what mitigated due to the fact that there will always be one representative and one alternate from each area.

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Council would initially consist of possibly 21 members which would include Chairman, Chairman in waiting, Secretary, plus two non-voting members (legal counsel and immediate past Chairman.)

After first year, officers would be elected by voting members, thereby reducing Council to 17 members.

Organizations within groupings would be chosen on a rotating basis in alphabetical order or by any other method the council deems acceptable.

This plan could be introduced to the community at a pre-announced council meeting and also through the up-coming membership mailing as well as through the Post.

This committee strongly feels that the forum aspect of the Council must be emphasized and that the purpose of the Council should be read at every meeting, that purpose being;

- A. "To be a forum for the discussion of community issues.
- B. To be an advocate for the Pacific Palisades to government and private agencies upon those issues where there is a broad community support.
- C. To assist other organizations in the Palisades which want help in accomplishing their objectives or projects, and which the Council desires to support."

List of suggested organizations and their categories is attached.

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Article I-stays the same

Article II-stays the same

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The Council shall be composed of voting members, non-voting members, and non-voting Advisors.

Sec. 1. All organizations, businesses and individual residents of Pacific Palisades shall be eligible for non-voting membership in the Council. Payment of membership dues will entitle paying member to have a copy of minutes mailed to such member.

Sec.2. The Board of Governors (Board), who shall be the voting members of the Council, are the Representatives who are selected in accordance with the provisions of Article VI herein.

Sec.3. The Chairperson, with the advise and consent of the Board, shall appoint a Legal Advisor or Advisors as the Board may from time to time authorize. Such Advisor or Advisors shall serve during the pleasure of the Chair, except that the Board, by a vote of two-thirds of those voting at a duly constituted Board meeting may retain an Advisor not favored by the Chair.

ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

Sec.1. The officers of the Council shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Treasurer and a Secretary. These four officers shall be elected by the voting members of the Council as provided herein.

Sec.2. During the first year following the adoption

Article IV-Officers Sect 2. continued

of this amendment, the Council shall consist of 21 members which shall be elected by the outgoing Council. Subsequently, officers shall be elected from the voting members of the Council and the number of members of the Council shall be 17. Only voting members of the Council shall be members of the Board.

Sec.3. The elected officers shall select, by a majority vote thereof, a voting member of the Council to join them and form the Executive Committee. This Committee, by a majority vote, shall act for the Council in all matters which require Council action before such action can be realized in the usual course of Council business. Only the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, or the Executive Committee may represent or act on behalf of the Council without specific authorization by the Board.

Sec.4. Upon request by the Chairperson, a voting member of the Board shall provide to the Board written certification of his or her authorization to serve as a Representative of a recognized Category of organizations.

Sec.5. The Chairman Emeritus(immediate past Chairman) and the Legal Advisor shall be non-voting members of the Board.

ARTICLE IV-ELECTION OF OFFICERS remains the same but becomes Article V.

ARTICLE V becomes ARTICLE VI-

SELECTION OF CATEGORIES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

Sec 1. The categories of organizations and the respective numbers of their representatives are set forth in Exhibit "A" attached. Organizations within groupings shall be chosen on a rotation basis in alphabetical order or by any other method the Council deems acceptable.

Sec.2.-SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

A. stays the same

B. Each representative shall serve for a term of one year. No person shall serve for more than 3 consecutive years except Officers who could serve on the Council for 5 years (3 years as Council representatives and 2 years as an Officer), but no more than 5 years.

C. stays the same

D. Each category shall select an alternate to attend Council meetings when the Representative cannot attend. Each provision of these BY-LAWS which is applicable to a Representative shall also apply to the Alternate in the absence of the Representative.

E. stays the same

F. The seated Board representative shall contact the next authorized organization to coordinate and arrange the selection of the representative to serve in the next fiscal year. Notice should be given in May for new Representative by July 1.

Article VI sec. 2 cont.

G combined with sec . F.

G. Any resident may be noninated or may nominate a candidate. All residents are eligible to vote for their area representative to the Council

Article VI-XII Remain the same except they are renumbered VIII-XIV.

FURTHER ADDITIONS FOR BY-LAWS AND GUIDELINES FOR COUNCIL;

1. Guidelines and mission statement should be distributed to all Council members at beginning of each new fiscal year.
 2. New administration should have access to and/or be advised of past Council policies. Policies should be reviewed from time to time. Not necessary to have automatic review every year. Circumstances should determine necessity, However, if policy is questioned, it should always be open for review.
 3. New article recommended for inclusion in the By-Laws which would allow for the establishment of standing rules.
 4. The By-Laws can not legally control, prohibit or prevent an individual from expressing a personal opinion. Nor is it possible to require a person to declare all club/organization memberships when expressing personal opinions in the media or otherwise.
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Recommendations for organizational make-up

1. Chamber of Commerce

2. Cultural, Ethics and Aesthetics:

- Friends of the Library
- Garden Club
- Theater Palisades
- Ministerial Council
- PALISADES BEAUTIFUL*

3. Education

PTA, PTAS and Advisory Councils at:

- Canyon Elementary
- Marquez Elementary
- Corpus Christi Home and School Association
- Palisades Elementary
- Palisades High
- Paul Revere Junior High
- St. Matthews Parents Council

(This list will also include any other Church, Temple or private school group that wishes to participate.)

4. Recreation

- AYSO
- YMCA
- Sports Council

5. Men's and Women's Service Clubs

- Optimists
- Rotary
- Junior Women's Club
- Pacific Palisades Women's Club
- American Legion

(Masonic Lodge and Hadassah may also be included)

6. Civic League



Recommendations for organizational make-up cont.

7.Environment:

Pacific Palisades Residents Association

Temescal Canyon Association

8.Youth:

Boy Scouts

Calvary Church Group

Campfire Girls

Corpus Christi Youth Group

Girl Scouts

Jewish Congregation Youth Group

Methodist Youth Group

Palisades High Student Body

Parents and Kids Together

Paul Revere Jr. High Student Body

Presbyterian Youth Group

St.Matthews 89'ers(?)

St,Matthews E,Y,C.

9.Historical Society

Composition of Board _____ 9 organization categories
8 geographical areas
4 officers
2 non voting members (Legal
advisor and immediate
past chairman.)

TOTAL----- 23

This total will be reduced to 19 after the first year
when the officers will be elected from the Board members.

Any group may petition to be on the Board.
