

# WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Agenda Item #6(I)

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## PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

### Sec. 1: Composition

F. Seat 15: Educational Community - Director must be a stakeholder who may currently be a parent of a student, teacher or administrator in the K-12 school community, public or private, **who lives** within the WWNC boundaries **or whose child attends a school within the WWNC boundaries.**

(University High School is the home school for students within the WWNC boundaries but the school is NOT within the WWNC boundary. Therefore, a parent of a University High School student can serve as a Director on this Educational Community seat on the WWNC Board.)

### Section 4: Terms and Term Limits

Elected Directors will hold office for a term of **four (4)** years. Terms of office shall begin when and extend until each election is certified by the City. All Board Terms, which end prior to a City administered election shall be extended until after the certification of election results or the resolution of all official election challenges for that particular election cycle, whichever date is later. There are no term limits.

If any elected Stakeholder cannot fulfill his/her term of office as stated in the By-laws, **Section 6: Vacancies** would prevail as stated. (“A vacancy in the Board shall be deemed to exist in case of a Director’s death, resignation, removal for cause, or absence of a candidate for a particular Seat or Group. The Board shall request applications from interested Stakeholders who meet the Seat or Group eligibility requirements. These should be in writing and submitted within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs. The replacing Director must fulfill the requirements for the vacated seat or Group as enumerated in Attachment B. The Board shall fill the seat by a majority vote.

Directors appointed to fill a vacant seat will hold office for the remainder of the term of the vacated seat or until the next City supervised election.”)

The concern of the Committee is that a two (2) year election cycle is expensive, extremely time consuming, and difficult to address for all participants whether they be the candidate or the voter. Many of our Stakeholders are students and candidates put in a lot of time to be elected.

The above Sec. 4: Terms and Term Limits might not have been changed. Did the Board want to keep the 2 yr. cycle because the students would not be able to serve a full term?

## ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

**Section 1: Officers of the Board** - The officers of the Board (“Officers”) shall include the following positions which together comprise the Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, **Land-use Chairperson and Outreach Chairperson**.

## ARTICLE X ELECTIONS

### Section 2: Governing Board Structure and Voting

A. Each Stakeholder may cast **ten (10)** votes.

1. A vote may be cast for **one (1) Director in each group representing the following: Owner Residential, Rental Residential, Business, Student, Faculty or Staff, Educational Community, Non-Profit/Arts/Culture/Recreational, and Faith Based. A vote may also be cast for two (2) At Large Director’s.**

(The prior voting structure was difficult for stakeholders to understand. If you were a homeowner, you could request a Business ballot. If you were a renter, you could request a Homeowner ballot. It was not user friendly. A voter had to select either a Renter or a Homeowner or a Business candidate. The suggested Bylaw revision allows every stakeholder to vote for one (1) Homeowner seat, one (1) Renter seat, and one (1) Business seat.)