

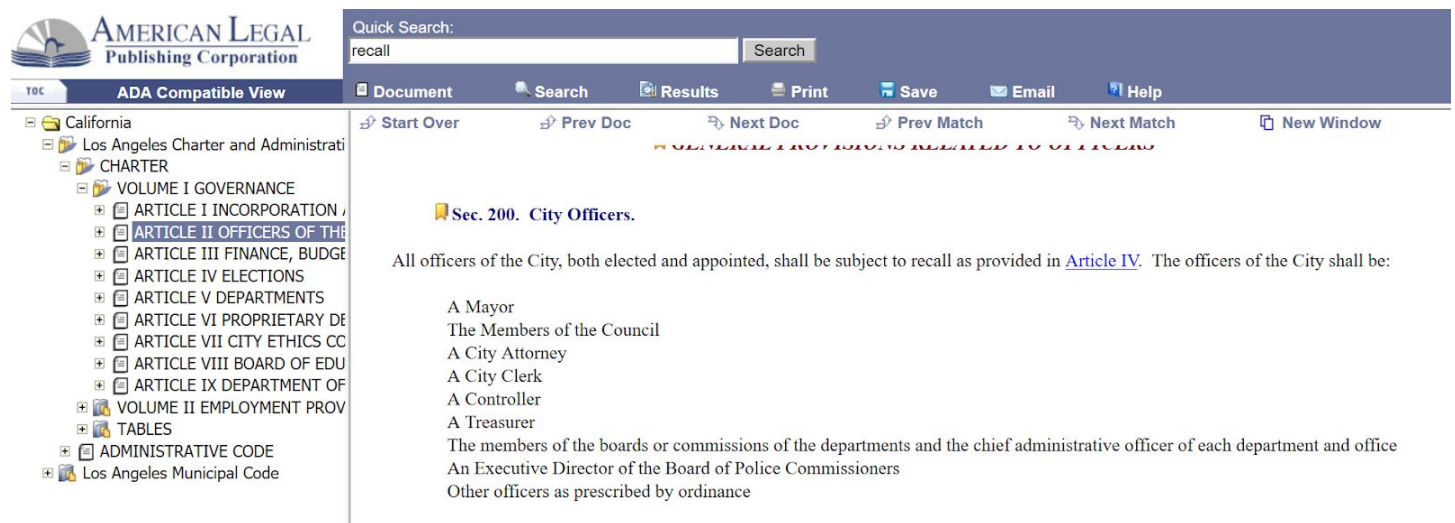
REMOVAL OF A BOARD MEMBER BY STAKEHOLDERS

This change was submitted to the Elections and Bylaws Committee in September 2019. Unfortunately, the committee was not able to come to a consensus about this proposed bylaws amendment and it was removed from the Committee's agenda in January 2020.

KEY POINTS: 1) this right is guaranteed to our stakeholders per the LA City Charter, and 2) this was a request from stakeholders dating back to July 2017.

BACKGROUND:

Per the LA City Charter, all officers of the City, both elected and appointed, shall be subject to recall as provided in Charter Volume I, Article II, Section 200 (below). **Seventy-four (74) of the 99 Neighborhood Council have addressed this issue in their bylaws** under Article V, Section 9 using either ***Removal of a Board Director by Stakeholders Petition*** (most common) or ***Removal of a Board Director by Stakeholders Recall***. A comprehensive review of NC bylaws reveals that there is no standardized number of stakeholder signatures required in these policies (see attached spreadsheet).



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Sec. 200. City Officers.

All officers of the City, both elected and appointed, shall be subject to recall as provided in [Article IV](#). The officers of the City shall be:

- A Mayor
- The Members of the Council
- A City Attorney
- A City Clerk
- A Controller
- A Treasurer
- The members of the boards or commissions of the departments and the chief administrative officer of each department and office
- An Executive Director of the Board of Police Commissioners
- Other officers as prescribed by ordinance

The currently approved MVCC Bylaws dated 12/04/2018 is silent on the topic of Removal and do NOT include a procedure by which ***Removal of a Board Director by Stakeholders Petition*** or ***Removal of a Board Director by Stakeholders Recall*** can occur.

MOTION:

There are two proposals below and the Board is being asked to pick one (i.e. check one box):

- Removal of a Board Director by Stakeholders Petition*** (the most common method) or
- Removal of a Board Director by Stakeholders Recall*** (unique to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council).

□ **OPTION ONE: Removal of a Board Director - Petition by Stakeholders***

A Board member may be removed from office by the submission of a written petition to the Secretary, which includes:

- i) the identity of the Board member to be removed,
- ii) a description, in detail, of the reason for removal, and
- iii) the valid signatures of 200 Stakeholders.

1. Upon receipt of a written petition for removal, the Secretary shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for a vote of the Board at the next regular Council meeting.
2. Removal of the identified Board member requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the attending Board Members.
3. The Board Member who is the subject of the removal action shall have the right to deliver to Board Members a written statement about the matter and/or to speak at the Board Meeting prior to the vote, but shall not be counted as part of the quorum, nor allowed to vote on the matter.

** Adapted from the North Westwood Neighborhood Council Approved Bylaws 02-06-2020*

□ **OPTION TWO: Removal of a Board Director - Stakeholder Recall*:**

A Board member may be removed by MVCC stakeholders by means of a recall procedure. Stakeholders may recall a Community Director, At-Large Director or Zone Director by submitting a petition for recall accompanied by the signatures of the following numbers of validated MVCC stakeholders:

For the Community Director, at least two-thirds (2/3) as many validated signatures of all MVCC Stakeholders, as defined in Article IV, are required as the number of votes cast in total for that seat in the last election

For an At-Large Director, at least two-thirds (2/3) as many validated signatures are required as the number of votes cast in total for that seat in the last election, and these stakeholders must live, own real property or a business within the boundaries of the MVCC.

For a Zone Director, at least two-thirds (2/3) as many validated signatures are required as the number of votes cast in total for that seat in the last election, and these stakeholders must live, own real property or a business in that Director's Zone.

The petition and signatures may be submitted to any member of the MVCC Executive/Budget and Finance (ExFin) Committee. The Executive Committee must then schedule a vote of the stakeholders to recall or retain the Board member.

The recall vote must take place no later than sixty (60) days after submission of the petition. If the recall pertains to a Zone Director, then only those stakeholders in the Director's Zone shall be allowed to vote.

A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast in total for that seat is required to recall the Board member.

A recalled Board member shall be eligible to run in the next Board election, provided that he or she still qualifies as a Mar Vista stakeholder.

**Adapted from the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Approved Bylaws 08-01-2018. A suggestion from Semee Park from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, given at the November 2019 meeting of the Elections and Bylaws Committee.*

Neighborhood Council	Signatures required
Arleta Neighborhood Council	includes the signatures of one hundred (100) Stakeholders from the geographic area represented by the Board member.
Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of one hundred (100) Stakeholders
Atwater Village Neighborhood Council	includes the signatures of one hundred (100) Stakeholders from the geographic area represented by the Board member
Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of two hundred (200) Voting Members
Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of one hundred (100) Stakeholders
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of one-hundred fifty (150) Stakeholders
Chatsworth Neighborhood Council	Signatures of fifty (50) stakeholders
Community and Neighbors for Ninth District Unity Neighborhood Council	includes the signature of fifty (50) registered Stakeholders
Del Rey Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of fifty (50) Stakeholders
Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures two-hundred (200) stakeholders
Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of one hundred (100) stakeholders
Echo Park Neighborhood Council	The valid signatures of 50 Stakeholders
Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of one hundred (100) stakeholders
Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Development Council	Fifty (50) valid signatures of Stakeholders, including printed name, address, valid phone number and email address.
Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council	has valid signatures of twenty-five (25) stakeholders
Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development	the valid signatures of twenty-five (25) Stakeholders
Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council	includes the signatures of 100 Stakeholders from the geographic area represented by the Board Member
Encino Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of Stakeholders (number not specified)
Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council	In their Standing Rules: the valid signatures of 20 stakeholders other than Board members
Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council	includes the signatures of two hundred (200) Stakeholders
Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council	signed by fifty (50) stakeholders
Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council	includes the signatures of a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) Stakeholders
Harbor City Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of one hundred (100) Stakeholders
Hermon Neighborhood Council	...Board may not remove a Board member without the express consent of the stakeholders eligible to vote for candidates for that representative's seat. As co-equal representatives elected by HNC area stakeholders, the Board shall respect the right of its stakeholders to determine whether their elected representatives should continue to serve on the Board or be removed as the result of a vote of the stakeholders themselves. The Board may adopt a mechanism as part of its Standing Rules by which the constituents represented by that Board member may petition to hold a vote at a meeting of the Board that could remove and replace any representative. Any such mechanism enacted shall include a method by which the representative in question has a right to appeal to the stakeholders to vote against removal.

Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of 50 Stakeholders
Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council	The valid signatures of one hundred (100) Stakeholders
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council	Valid signatures of at least one hundred (100) Stakeholders
Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council	includes the signature of twenty-five (25) stakeholders
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council	Include the signatures of two hundred (200) Stakeholders
Hollywood United Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of one-hundred (100) Stakeholders
LA-32 Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of two hundred (200) Stakeholders
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of fifty (50) Community Stakeholders
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council	the signature of one hundred (100) Stakeholders
MacArthur Park Neighborhood Council	includes the signatures of one hundred (100) Stakeholders representative of MPNC Stakeholders
Mid City Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of fifty (50) Stakeholders
Mid City West Community Council	signed by at least one hundred (100) Stakeholders
Mission Hills Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of seventy-five (75) Stakeholders
Neighborhood Council Valley Village	the signature of two hundred (200) Stakeholders
Noho Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of 100 Stakeholders
North Hills East Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of fifty-one (51) stakeholders
North Hills West Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of one hundred and fifty (150) Stakeholders
North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of fifty (50) Stakeholders
North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of one hundred (100) Stakeholders
North Westwood Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of 200 Stakeholders
Northridge South Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of fifty (50) Stakeholders
Northridge West Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of the greater of ten percent (10%) of the total number of ballots in the last council election or not less than fifty (50) stakeholders
Olympic Park Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of fifty (50) Stakeholders
P.I.C.O. (People Involved in Community Organizing) Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of twenty-five (25) applicable Stakeholders
Panorama City Neighborhood Council	the signatures of at least thirty (30) Stakeholders
Park Mesa Heights Community Council	signed by at least fifty (50) Park Mesa Heights Stakeholders
Pico Union Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of one hundred (100) stakeholders
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of one hundred (100) non-community interest RVNC stakeholders
Reseda Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of one hundred (100) Stakeholders
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council	at least five (500) Stakeholder signatures for an At-Large Board member or at least two hundred and fifty (250) signatures for a Regional Board member
South Central Neighborhood Council	includes the signatures of at least two hundred (200) stakeholders
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council	the valid signatures of fifty (50) Stakeholders
Studio City Neighborhood Council	the signatures of at least seventy five (75) Stakeholders
Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council	the signatures of the same number of Stakeholders who elected the Director plus one

Sunland-Tujuna Neighborhood Council	For Executive Officers and Stakeholder Group Representatives, at least two-thirds (2/3) as many validated signatures are required as the number of votes cast in total for that seat in the last election. For Geographical Representative Representatives, at least two-thirds (2/3) as many validated signatures are required as the number of votes cast in total for that seat in the last election, and these signatories must live, work, or own property in that Representative's district.
Sylmar Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of fifty (50) Stakeholders
The Greater Valley Glen Council	includes the signatures of fifty (50) Community Stakeholders within their category and/or district as it may apply
United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council	the signatures of fifty (50) Stakeholders
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council	the valid signature of two hundred and fifty (250) Stakeholders
Venice Neighborhood Council	no less than two hundred (200) signatures of LWO (live, work, own) stakeholders supporting the motion
Voices Neighborhood Council	the signature of one hundred (100) Stakeholders
Watts Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures fifty (50) Stakeholders
West Adams Neighborhood Council	the signature of fifteen (15) Stakeholders
West Hills Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of fifty (50) stakeholders
Westlake North Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of two hundred and fifty (250) Stakeholders
Westlake South Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of two hundred and fifty (250) Stakeholders
Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council	valid signatures of fifty (50) stakeholders
Winnetka Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of fifty (50) Stakeholders
Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council	signatures, including printed name, address and stakeholder status, of seventy-five (75) verified Stakeholders from the Representative's or Alternate's area.
Zappa-King Neighborhood Council	the valid signatures of the lesser of 125 Stakeholders or two-thirds (2/3) of the number of voters in the previous election.

Total = 74
