

## ELECTIONS AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE-2019-PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

CURRENT LANGUAGE: page 4 Stakeholder

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RATIONALE:

People who live or own property are the real "stakeholders" of a community. They are the ones who must live with the consequences of the decisions made. Allowing anyone who works or who declares a community stake in a geographical area allows lobbyists, large employers, etc. to push their interests over the residents and property owners of the area.

If a change in the definition should be adopted, various other parts of the bylaws would need to be amended also.

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