

COMMITTEE: Elections and Bylaws Committee
Director's Motion from Aaron Vanek

TITLE: Amendment to Standing Rules Regarding Committee Voting Structure and Stakeholder Participation

PURPOSE: To establish a bifurcated voting structure at the committee level that ensures compliance with Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) "floating quorum" concerns while preserving stakeholder engagement.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) has expressed concerns regarding the "floating quorum" created by unrestricted stakeholder voting at committee meetings, which complicates the verification of committee rosters and mandatory training compliance. Currently, Standing Rule 8.9 defines any stakeholder as a constituent of a committee they attend. To resolve these structural issues while adhering to the MVCC goal of encouraging stakeholder participation under Bylaws Article II, this motion proposes a bifurcated "Official Committee" and "Stakeholder Advisory" vote. This ensures the official act of the committee is performed by appointed members with fixed membership, while the advisory vote documents community sentiment for the Board's consideration.

THE MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) shall amend its Standing Rules to define a formal voting structure for all Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees as follows:

Amendment to Standing Rule 8.9: Any MVCC Stakeholder is a constituent of each MVCC Standing or Ad-hoc Committee attended. For the purposes of establishing a quorum and casting an Official Vote, committee membership shall be limited to Board Directors and Stakeholders formally appointed by the Chair and confirmed by the Board.

Amendment to Standing Rule 9.7: A majority committee vote of appointed members is a prerequisite to Board consideration of the Committee's motion or resolution. Prior to the Official Vote, the presiding chair shall conduct a separate Stakeholder Advisory Vote of all other stakeholders present to document community sentiment. Both tallies shall be recorded in the minutes and included in the motion submission to the Board.

Requirements for Advisory Voting: Stakeholders must affirm their status and the absence of a conflict of interest prior to casting an advisory vote.

DIRECTED TO: MVCC Board of Directors; Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).

ACTION/VOTE COUNT: MVCC Elections & Bylaws Committee meeting, January 13, 2026 Moved by: _____ Seconded by: _____
Vote: Yes 3 No 3 Abstain 2