

# Community Interest Stakeholder Status



The **Community Interest Stakeholder** Status was adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on December 18, 2013.

## Definition:

A Community Interest Stakeholder is one who declares a stake in the neighborhood and is defined as a person who affirms a substantial and ongoing participation within the Neighborhood Council's boundaries and who may be in a community organization such as, but not limited to, education, non-profit and/or religious.

In determining the factors used to evaluate whether a candidate has qualified as a Community Interest Stakeholder, documentation is based on the plain meaning of the terms "substantial and ongoing," referring to an interest in a Neighborhood Council that is measurable, important, weighty and continuous. In addition, the documentation must satisfy the City Council's intent by precluding those stakeholders with a fleeting outside interest from participating as candidates or voters in a Neighborhood Council election.

Once the Ordinance becomes effective (approximately the end of January 2014), candidates filing as Factual Basis Stakeholders may be required to provide additional documentation, if necessary, in order to qualify for the newly defined seat qualifications. Should that be necessary, these candidates will have three business days to provide the additional documentation.

For more information, call the Office of the City Clerk – Election Division at (213) 978-0444.