

## Bylaw changes for Youth Member appointments

Proposed additions, ~~deletions~~, and changes to existing bylaws are in red.  
Articles and Sections are provided for context for the proposed changes.

### Article IV STAKEHOLDER

Neighborhood Council Membership is open to all stakeholders. Stakeholders shall be defined as those who live, work, or own real property in the neighborhood and also those who declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder, 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, educational, non-profit and/or religious organizations.

The categories of stakeholders are:

A. Residential Stakeholder: A Residential Stakeholder is any person who lives in or whose residence is in an area defined in Article III, Section 2.

B. Business Stakeholder: A "Business Stakeholder" is any person who works in, manages, owns a business or who owns real property in which they themselves do not reside in an area defined in Article III, Section 2.

C. Community Interest Stakeholder: A Community Interest Stakeholder is any person who affirms a substantial and ongoing participation in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, non-profit and/or religious organizations, within an area defined in Article III, Section 2.

D. Youth Stakeholder: A Youth Stakeholder is a high school student who attends school or resides within the area defined in Article III, Section 1.

### Article V GOVERNING BOARD

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Board of Directors ("the Board") shall be the Governing Body of the Council within the meaning of that term as set forth in the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils ("the Plan").

#### Section 1: Composition

The Board shall be comprised of up to ~~twenty-one (21)~~ twenty-three (23) elected or appointed "Members" from each of the following ~~three (3)~~ four (4) Stakeholder groups identified in Article IV, as follows:

A. Residential Stakeholder Members (RSM): An RSM shall be any person who lives or whose residence is in an area defined in Article III, Section 2. One (1) RSM may be elected in each of the seven (7) designated areas.

B. Business Stakeholder Member (BSM): A BSM shall be any person who works in, manages, owns a business or who owns real property in which they themselves do not reside in an area defined in Article III, Section 2. One (1) BSM may be elected in each of the seven (7) designated areas.

C. Community Interest Stakeholder Member (CSM): A CSM shall be any person who affirms a substantial and ongoing participation in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, non-profit and/or religious organizations, within an area defined in Article III, Section 2. One (1) CSM may be elected in each of the seven (7) areas designated in Article III, Section 2 with one (1) of the seven (7) elected as a Community Interest Stakeholder.

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D. Youth Stakeholder Member (YM): A YM shall be any person attending high school that resides within the area defined in Article III, Section 1. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, will appoint a Selection Committee of three Board Members to interview and select two (2) persons to be affirmed and appointed by the Board as Youth Members for year terms starting July 1 and ending June 30 of each year. The YM shall have and maintain a 2.5 grade point average, and have signed permission from the person's parents and school.

In accordance with the Plan, the Board must, to the extent possible, reflect the diversity of the Neighborhood Council's Stakeholders. Accordingly, no single Stakeholder group shall comprise a majority of the Council unless warranted by extenuating circumstances and approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment ("the Department"). ~~To serve on the Board by election or by appointment, a Member must be a minimum age of eighteen (18) years at the time of the election or appointment.~~

**Article X ELECTIONS**

**Section 1: Administration of Election** - The Neighborhood Council's election will be conducted pursuant to any and all City ordinances, policies and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council elections.

**Section 2: Governing Board Structure and Voting** - Each Stakeholder shall select one of the seven (7) geographic areas, based on stakeholder status, as stated in Article V, in which he/she will cast his/her vote for an RSM, BSM, and CSM to represent that geographic area. A Stakeholder's selection of his or her geographic choice shall be recorded through such reasonable voter registration process as the Council may select in accordance with applicable election rules and regulations. Once a Stakeholder registers for a particular geographic area, he or she may not vote for candidates in any other geographic area unless there has been a material change in the Stakeholder's geographic status such that the Stakeholder no longer defines himself or herself as a Stakeholder in the geographic region in which he or she last voted (e.g., a change of residence).

The YM Stakeholder(s) shall be appointed and not selected based on the seven (7) geographic areas, but rather resides or attends high school within the Boundaries of the Council as defined in Article III, Section 1.

The number of Board seats, the eligibility requirements for holding any specific Board seats, and which Stakeholders may vote for the Board seats are noted in Attachment B.

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council ~~-21~~ 23 Board Seats**

BOARD POSITION	# OF SEATS	ELECTED OR APPOINTED ?	ELIGIBILITY TO RUN FOR THE SEAT	ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE FOR THE SEAT
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Area 1 Residential Representative Term: 4 Years	1	Elected	Any person who lives in or whose residence is within the boundaries of Geographic Area 1 and who is 18 years or older.	Any residential, business or community interest stakeholder within the boundaries of Geographic Area 1 and who is 18 years or older.
Area 2 Residential Representative Term: 4 Years	1	Elected	Any person who lives in or whose residence is within the boundaries of Geographic Area 2 and who is 18 years or older.	Any residential, business or community interest stakeholder within the boundaries of Geographic Area 2 and who is 18 years or older.
Area 3 Residential Representative Term: 4 Years	1	Elected	Any person who lives in or whose residence is within the boundaries of Geographic Area 3 and who is 18 years or older.	Any residential, business or community interest stakeholder within the boundaries of Geographic Area 3 and who is 18 years or older.
Area 4 Residential Representative Term: 4 Years	1	Elected	Any person who lives in or whose residence is within the boundaries of Geographic Area 4 and who is 18 years or older.	Any residential, business or community interest stakeholder within the boundaries of Geographic Area 4 and who is 18 years or older.
Area 5 Residential Representative Term: 4 Years	1	Elected	Any person who lives in or whose residence is within the boundaries of Geographic Area 5 and who is 18 years or older.	Any residential, business or community interest stakeholder within the boundaries of Geographic Area 5 and who is 18 years or older.
Area 6 Residential Representative Term: 4 Years	1	Elected	Any person who lives in or whose residence is within the boundaries of Geographic Area 6 and who is 18 years or older.	Any residential, business or community interest stakeholder within the boundaries of Geographic Area 6 and who is 18 years or older.

**(Above, is an incomplete list of board positions; provided for context)**

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	<u>Seats</u>	<u>appointed</u>	<u>for the seat</u>	<u>vote for the seat</u>
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