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RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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**SPECIAL JOINT BOARD AND  
BYLAWS AND RULES OF STANDING  
COMMITTEE**



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**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 12**  
**2024**  
**4:30PM**

Zoom Live Streaming Online:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82594682547>

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Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte el presidente, por correo electrónico [president@resedacouncil.org](mailto:president@resedacouncil.org) para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

**PUBLIC INPUT AT BYLAWS AND RULES OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**MEETINGS:** Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered, unless otherwise allowed by the presiding officer. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public Comment will be limited to 2 minutes per item unless otherwise extended by the presiding officer.

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE \_\_\_\_\_ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

**SB 411 Updates:**

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body’s control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section

54960.1. (C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

(D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. (ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. (iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Call to Order by Presiding Officer
- B. Roll Call

**II. Minutes of preceding meeting (02/13/2024)**

**III. General Public Comment**

**IV. Discussion and possible action on new verbiage proposals  
(See New Verbiage Summary Doc)**

- a. New language restricting board members from being on multiple Neighborhood Councils...
- b. Youth Seat – clarify whether counts towards quorum
- c. Clarify who is on executive committee, the whole thing, the whole paragraph
- d. Using the correct names or change the names to what is being used now
- e. New Language for Officers and Committees relevant sections clarifying when and how, if ever, committee membership is altered without active removal or resignation
- f. Bylaws Article XII – Change to Roberts
- g. New Language clarifying that no one person may hold two roles in a committee and/or two board position
- h. “Change to board composition and terms. 2 residential seats, 2 business seats, 4 year terms, staggered elections so one residential and one business seat is available each election cycle. All other seats (other than Youth and Young Adult) to be At-Large, and their term to be 2 years.

**V. Establishment of the next meeting time, date, and manner**

**VI. Adjournment**

## COMMITTEE RESOURCES

### CURRENT APPROVED BYLAWS

[RNC-Bylaws-Approved-11232020-1.pdf \(resedacouncil.org\)](#)

CURRENT APPROVED STANDING RULES (note – these are the approved standing rules despite the link and first page saying draft)

[Draft Standing Rules 2021 \(resedacouncil.org\)](#)

### CURRENT BYLAWS PROPOSALS DOCUMENT

*Forthcoming*

### CURRENT STANDING RULES PROPOSALS DOCUMENT

*Forthcoming*

### NEW VERBIAGE HELPER TOOL(S)

[ALL NC BYLAWS IN ONE INDEXED SEARCHABLE PDF](#)

[Chatbot which knows Bylaws of all NCs and can draft language for you](#)

*The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.*

**THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT** As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters assisted listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by calling (213) 978-1551 or email: [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org)

**PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS** – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the Reseda Neighborhood Council Space, 18118 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335 or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Secretary by email at: [Secretary@resedacouncil.org](mailto:Secretary@resedacouncil.org)

**PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS** – Neighborhood Council agendas are posted for public review as follows: Reseda Neighborhood Council Space, 18118 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335 and at [resedacouncil.org](http://resedacouncil.org). You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City’s Early Notification System at <https://www.lacity.org/government/subscribe-agendasnotifications/neighborhood-councils>

**NOTICE TO PAID REPRESENTATIVES** -If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at [ethics.lacity.org/lobby](http://ethics.lacity.org/lobby)

**RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS** - For information on the NC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws cited below.

**PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION (Article VIII§4)** - The Board may reconsider or amend its actions through the following Motion for Reconsideration process: Before the Board reconsiders any matter, the Board must approve a Motion for Reconsideration by official action. After determining that an action should be reconsidered, the Board has the authority to re-hear, continue, or act on the item that is the subject of reconsideration. The Motion for Reconsideration must be brought, and the Board’s approval of a Motion for Reconsideration must occur, either during the same meeting where the Board initially acted or during the Board’s next regularly scheduled meeting that follows the meeting where the action subject to consideration occurred. The RNC may also convene a special meeting within these specified time frames to address a Motion for Reconsideration. A Motion for Reconsideration may be proposed only by a member of the Board that previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action that was taken by the Board Moving. The Moving Board Member may make the Motion for consideration orally during the same meeting where the action that is the subject of reconsideration occurred, or by properly placing the Motion for Reconsideration on the agenda of a meeting that occurs within the allowed specified periods of time as stated above. In order to properly place the Motion for Reconsideration on the agenda of the subsequent meeting, the Moving Board Member shall submit a memorandum to the Secretary at least two (2) days in advance of the deadline for posting notices for the meeting. The memorandum must briefly state the reason(s) for requesting the reconsideration and provide the Secretary with an adequate description of the matter(s) to be re-heard and the proposed action that may be adopted by the Board if the Motion for Reconsideration is approved. A Motion for Reconsideration that is properly brought before the Board may be seconded by any member of the Board.

**PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE (Article XI)** - Any grievance by a Stakeholder or Board member must be submitted in writing to the Secretary who shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular

RNC meeting, but in any case, no more than in thirty-five (35) days. The Neighborhood Council will follow the City's policy and/or rules regarding the handling of grievances. The Motion for Reconsideration must be brought, and the Boards approval of a Motion for Reconsideration must occur, either during the same meeting where the Board initially acted or during the Boards next regularly scheduled meeting that follows the meeting where the action subject to consideration occurred. The RNC may also convene a special meeting within these specified time frames to address a Motion for Reconsideration

At that meeting, the Board shall refer the matter to an Ad Hoc Grievance Panel comprised of three (3) Non-Board Stakeholders randomly selected by the Secretary from a list of Non-Board Stakeholders who have expressed an interest in serving from time-to-time on such a panel. The Moving Board Member may make the Motion for Reconsideration orally during the same meeting where the action that is the subject of reconsideration occurred, or by properly placing the Motion for Reconsideration on the agenda of a meeting that occurs within the allowed specified periods of time as stated above.

Within two (2) weeks of the panel's selection, the Secretary shall coordinate a time and place for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved. A Motion for Reconsideration that is properly brought before the Board may be seconded by any member of the Board.

Within two (2) weeks following such meeting, a member of the panel shall prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board outlining the panels collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board may receive a copy of the panels report and recommendations prior to a Board meeting, but, in accordance with the Brown Act, the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until it is heard publicly at the next regular RNC meeting.

This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, such as the Boards failure to comply with Board Rules or these Bylaws. It is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who merely disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings, which grievances may be aired publicly at RNC meetings.

The Neighborhood Council grievance review process will be conducted pursuant to any and all City ordinances, policies and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council.