

**GRASS ROOT VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**Bylaws Committee**

TO: Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers

FROM: GRVNC Bylaws Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed motion to change GRVNC Bylaws

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The GRVNC Bylaws Committee met November 17 and 28 to review and discuss the “preparation of GRVNC bylaws changes for consideration of GRVNC Board approval and submission to DONE for ratification”, as the Committee mission statement requires.

By unanimous consent, the Committee determined the following:

- That it is likely any substantial changes to the GRVNC bylaws could potentially affect the next general election for the GRVNC Board of Officers.
- That since the current bylaws call for the next general election for the GRVNC Board of Officers to be held in June, and since DONE requires that all election procedures must be finalized 90 days before that election, it was determined the work of the Committee would need to be completed no later than January to allow sufficient time for Board action, Stakeholder ratification and DONE approval for the bylaws changes to be implemented (as is required by Article X, Section A of the current GRVNC bylaws).
- That due to the complexity of the issues involved in changing the GRVNC bylaws, the Committee would not have enough time for deliberation and community input to meet a January deadline.
- Having made this determination, the Committee, by unanimous consent, moves that the Board utilize Article X, Section A (see attachment A) of the GRVNC bylaws to make the following motion to change the election date and terms of office from the month of June to the month of September:

**Proposed bylaws changes (strikeout sections are the areas to be amended. Underlined sections are the actual amendments)**

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**ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF OFFICERS**

**G. Term**

Each term of office shall be two years (excepting those initial terms described below). Terms shall begin on ~~July 1st and end on June 30th~~ October 1st and end on Sept. 30th. See Article VI (Elections) for further detail on initial terms, staggering, and term limits.

**ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS**

**A. Timing**

Elections for the GRVNC Board of Officers shall be held annually at the ~~June~~ September GRVNC Election meeting. The only order of business at the annual Election Meeting shall be the election of the Board of Officers. The first election shall elect all twenty-one (21) officers and shall be held in a timely manner after certification by the City of Los Angeles, with terms effective immediately after the election. Elections thereafter shall be staggered, electing ten (10) officers in odd numbered years and eleven (11) officers in even numbered years (the Immediate Past President will be a non-elected position). The specifics of the staggering procedure are described below. Special Election Meetings may additionally be called where a vote of the GRVNC Voting Membership is required, as specified in these bylaws.

**ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS**

**D. Elections:** GRVNC Board Elections shall be held annually in ~~June~~ September. Elections Meetings where a vote of the GRVNC Voting Membership is required may be held at any time, subject to Brown Act requirements.

**ATTACHMENT “A”**  
**CURRENT GRVNC BYLAWS FOR BOARD-INITIATED BYLAWS CHANGES**

**ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT**

Amendment of these By-Laws shall be in writing and shall follow one of the following two procedures:

A. Amendment by Board of Officers:

1. Requires a two-thirds ( $2/3$ ) majority vote of the Board of Officers, and

2. Must be ratified by fifty percent (50%) of the Voting Members present at a subsequent GRVNC Election meeting, not to be less than fifty (50) Voting Members voting in support of the Amendment, such meeting to be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days following the approval of the Amendment by the Board of Officers.