

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance adding Section 22.801.1 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code establishing a revised definition of Community Interest Stakeholder for neighborhood councils, amending Sections 20.36(d) and 22.811(a)(2) to reference the revised definition, and repealing Section 22.806(b) to remove the current definition of Community Interest Stakeholder.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 22.801.1 is added to the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

Sec. 22.801.1. Neighborhood Council Stakeholder.

(a) **Stakeholder.** For the purposes of this chapter, a certified neighborhood council “stakeholder” or “community stakeholder” shall be defined as:

1. Any individual who lives, works, or owns real property within the boundaries of the neighborhood council; or
2. Any individual who is a Community Interest Stakeholder, as defined in Subsection (b) of this section, within the boundaries of the neighborhood council.

(b) **Community Interest Stakeholder.** A “Community Interest Stakeholder” is an individual who is a member of or participates in a Community Organization, as defined in Subsection (c) of this section.

(c) **Community Organization.** For the purposes of this section, a “Community Organization” is an entity that has continuously maintained a physical street address within the boundaries of the neighborhood council for not less than one year, and that performs ongoing and verifiable activities and operations that confer some benefit on the community within the boundaries of the neighborhood council.

(1) A for-profit entity shall not qualify as a Community Organization.

(2) Examples of a Community Organization may include chambers of commerce, houses of worship or other faith-based organizations, educational institutions, or non-profit organizations.

(d) **Retroactivity.** This section shall not be applied retroactively. Any seated neighborhood council board member whose eligibility to serve may be affected by enactment of this section may serve the remainder of their term.

(e) **Rules and Regulations.** The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Office of the City Clerk, within their respective roles, are authorized to promulgate rules and regulations and establish policies to implement and administer this section.

Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of Section 20.36 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

(d) The Department and the City Clerk are authorized to charge a manual recount fee in the amount of \$798.80 per neighborhood council, and \$2.28 for each additional ballot required to be recounted beyond the estimated average number of ballots cast in a neighborhood council election, to any stakeholder, as defined in Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.801.1, who voted in a neighborhood council election and who has requested a recount.

Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of Section 22.806 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is hereby repealed.


Sec. 4. Subsection (a)(2) of Section 22.811 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

(2) that neighborhood council membership will be open to everyone who qualifies as a stakeholder as defined in Section 22.801.1.

Sec. 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____