



Neighborhood Council Board Structure Change Request Form

Requests for changes in Board structure must be reviewed by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Commission). If the Commission approves the request, the Applicant's bylaws will be deemed formally adjusted upon such action of the Commission. Should the Commission act to disapprove the request, the Applicant may, within five (5) meeting days of the City Council, during which the Council has convened in regular session, file an appeal with the City Council. The appeal will automatically be placed on the Council's next regular agenda for consideration. The City Council may, by ten (10) votes, sustain, reverse, or modify the Commission's decision.

After completing this form, please submit it by email along with a completed Bylaw Amendment Application to NCsupport@lacity.org. You may also fax or deliver the documents to our office. We will provide notification to the Neighborhood Council of the date the Commission will review the request. Please note that the information submitted on this form is public information.

Please contact the Neighborhood Council Support Help Line at (213) 485-1360 or by email at NCsupport@lacity.org if you have any questions.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Neighborhood Council Name: Olympic Park Neighborhood Council (OPNC)

Primary Contact:

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NAME	TITLE	PHONE	EMAIL

Current Number of Board Seats: 19 Quorum: 10

What type of Board Structure Change is being requested?

Reduction in Board Seats to: (insert total number after proposed reduction)

Change in Board Structure. Please describe:

Change all specific 12 Area (6 east/6 west), 1 Youth, 1 Senior Citizen, 2 School, 2 Community-Based, 2 Organization and 1 At-Large seats to 19 At-Large seats:

- **Nine (9)** At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the eastern portion of the Neighborhood Council District (*east* of Crenshaw Boulevard).
- **Nine (9)** At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the western portion of the Neighborhood Council District (*west* of Crenshaw Boulevard).
- **One (1)** At-large Youth Representative Seat on behalf of any portion of the entire Neighborhood

See proposed board structure form below.

Original bylaws are here: <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/OlympicParkNC-Bylaws.pdf>

Other. Please describe:

What are the reasons for the change to the Board Structure?

We have historically had difficulty filling out our specific seats so we are making the seats more inclusive in order to fill the board seats.

Describe your Neighborhood Council's demographics. Please note sources of demographic information provided, e.g. 2000 census, Healthy City, etc., and attach any related documentation.

2010 US Census for Zip Code 90018 - http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml

Total Population: 49,310

Median Age: 33.2

Female: 25,540

Male: 23,770

Explain what outreach has been conducted to fill existing seats. Please attach any supporting documentation, e.g. flyers, agendas, etc.

Outreach is performed at all public events and projects and via our website: opnc.org.

Proposed OPNC Board Structure

BOARD POSITION, (West of Crenshaw Boulevard)	# OF SEATS	ELECTED OR APPOINTED?	ELIGIBILITY TO RUN FOR THE SEAT	ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE FOR THE SEAT
At-large Area Representative Seat #1, (west of Crenshaw Boulevard)	1	Elected	An At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the western portion of the Neighborhood Council District (west of Crenshaw Boulevard).	Any Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the election.
At-large Area Representative Seat #2, (west of Crenshaw Boulevard)	1	Elected	An At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the western portion of the Neighborhood Council District (west of Crenshaw Boulevard).	Any Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the election.
At-large Area Representative Seat #3, (west of Crenshaw Boulevard)	1	Elected	An At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the western portion of the Neighborhood Council District (west of Crenshaw Boulevard).	Any Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the election.
At-large Area Representative Seat #4, (west of Crenshaw Boulevard)	1	Elected	An At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the western portion of the Neighborhood Council District (west of Crenshaw Boulevard).	Any Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the election.
At-large Area Representative Seat #5, (west of Crenshaw Boulevard)	1	Elected	An At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the western portion of the Neighborhood Council District (west of Crenshaw Boulevard).	Any Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the election.
At-large Area Representative Seat #6, (west of Crenshaw Boulevard)	1	Elected	An At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the western portion of the Neighborhood Council District (west of Crenshaw Boulevard).	Any Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the election.
At-large Area Representative Seat #7, (west of Crenshaw Boulevard)	1	Elected	An At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the western portion of the Neighborhood Council District (west of Crenshaw Boulevard).	Any Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the election.
At-large Area Representative Seat #8, (west of Crenshaw Boulevard)	1	Elected	An At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the western portion of the Neighborhood Council District (west of Crenshaw Boulevard).	Any Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the election.
At-large Area Representative Seat #9, (west of Crenshaw Boulevard)	1	Elected	An At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the western portion of the Neighborhood Council District (west of Crenshaw Boulevard).	Any Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the election.
At-large Area Representative Youth Seat #1 only, (OPNC Total Boundary)	1	Elected	An At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the Olympic Park Neighborhood Council District (OPNC Total Boundary)	Any Stakeholder who is at least 16 years of age at the time of the election.

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The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment recommends the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners take the following action on this request:

- Adopt Requested Change(s) to Board Structure.
- Reject Requested Change(s) to Board Structure.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) has reviewed the Olympic Park Neighborhood Council's (OPNC) board structure change request and agrees with the OPNC that the simplification of the OPNC structure is beneficial to their Neighborhood Council. The Department has confirmed that the OPNC board approved this board structure change at their April 6, 2015 meeting by a board vote of 12 yes / 0 no / 0 abstentions.

The OPNC has had difficulty filling its board seats, which resulted in a board seat reduction prior to the 2010 elections. Since then, they have continued to have issues attracting candidates to their seats, resulting in a board affirmation instead of an election in the 2012 elections and a loss of quorum selection process in the 2014 elections.

The OPNC has requested the following changes to their structure:

Change the 12 Area (6 east/6 west), 1 Youth, 1 Senior Citizen, 2 School, 2 Community-Based, 2 Organization and 1 At-Large seats to 19 At-Large seats as follows:

- **Nine (9)** At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the eastern portion of the Neighborhood Council District (*east* of Crenshaw Boulevard) – 18 years to run/ 16 years to vote
- **Nine (9)** At-large Area Representative Seats on behalf of the western portion of the Neighborhood Council District (*west* of Crenshaw Boulevard) – 18 years to run/ 16 years to vote
- **One (1)** At-large Youth Representative Seat on behalf of any portion of the entire Neighborhood – 16 years to run/ 16 years to vote

By making the seats more open to recruiting various types of stakeholders, the OPNC is making it easier to recruit board members, which is a strategy the Department has recommended in the past to Neighborhood Councils. It should be noted that the OPNC intentionally made their seats open to all stakeholders to run and to vote for the seats because this was historically their practice, and they wanted to maintain this inclusivity for their stakeholders.

Therefore, the Department recommends the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners:

FIND the Olympic Park Neighborhood Council's request to change the 12 Area (6 east/6 west), 1 Youth, 1 Senior Citizen, 2 School, 2 Community-Based, 2 Organization and 1 At-Large seats to 19 At-Large seats (9 east/9 west/1 youth) is consistent with the principles governing a Certified Neighborhood Council's purpose and operations per Article VI, Section 3c of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (Plan); and

APPROVE the changes to the Olympic Park Neighborhood Council's bylaws accordingly.