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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Neighborhood Council shall be the Skid Row Neighborhood Council (“Council”). The identifying acronym of said council shall be the SRNC.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Principles of Governance - The purpose of the Council is to participate as an advisory body on issues concerning our neighborhood and regarding the governance of the City of Los Angeles (“City”) in a transparent, inclusive, collaborative, accountable and viable manner.

A. The **MISSION** of the Council is:

1. To provide an inclusive and open forum for public discussion of issues of interest to the Council, including City governance, the needs of the Council, the delivery of City services to the Council area, and other matters of a Citywide nature;
2. To advise the City on issues of interest to Skid Row, including City governance, the needs of the Council, the delivery of City services to the Council area, and other matters of a Citywide nature;
3. To initiate, execute and support projects for the physical, social and cultural improvement of Skid Row; and
4. To facilitate communication between the City and Community Stakeholders on issues of concern to the community and/or the Stakeholders.
5. To create a platform for the empowered voice of traditionally disenfranchised residents of Skid Row.

B. The **POLICY** of the Council is:

1. To respect the diversity, dignity, and expression of views of all individuals, groups, and organizations within the community and/or involved in the Council;
2. To remain non-partisan with respect to political party affiliation and inclusive in our operations including, but not limited to, the process of electing or selecting the Board of Directors, Officers, and committee members, as hereinafter set forth;
3. To utilize the Early Notification System (ENS) to inform the Council and Community Stakeholders of matters involving the City and our community in a way that is tailored to provide opportunities for involvement in the decision-making process;
4. To encourage all Stakeholders to participate in activities of the Council;
5. To prohibit discrimination against any individual or group in our operations on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, income, homeowner/renter status, or political affiliation; and
6. To have fair, open, and transparent procedures for the conduct of all Council business.

ARTICLE III BOUNDARIES

The Council covers a geographic area described below.

Section 1: Boundary Description - The boundaries abut the boundaries of adjacent Neighborhood Councils and include those areas of the City within the following lines of demarcation:

1. **North** – 3rd Street- (From Main Street to Alameda Street);
2. **East** – Alameda Street- (From 3rd Street to 7th Street);

3. **South** – 7th Street- (From Alameda Street to Main Street);
4. **West** – Main Street- (From 7th Street to 3rd Street).

The boundaries of the Council are set forth in this document in “Attachment A- Map of the Skid Row Neighborhood Council”.

Section 2: Internal Boundaries - Not applicable.

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 to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder, which is 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.

ARTICLE V GOVERNING BOARD

The Board of Directors (hereinafter “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 consist of eleven (11) Stakeholders elected, selected or appointed by the Board. The composition of the Board shall be as follows:

*Resident Definition – Anyone who lives within Skid Row boundaries.

1. **Resident Board Member (5)** – Open to Stakeholders at least 18 years of age. Not open to employees of housing/shelter providers. 3 resident seats shall be reserved for low-income and/or homeless individuals. The two remaining seats shall be open to any resident within our boundaries.

2. **Business Board Member (1)** -- Open to Stakeholders at least 18 years of age. Must own a business (not non-profit) or work for a business within Skid Row boundaries.
3. **Arts & Culture Board Member (1)** -- Open to Stakeholders at least 18 years of age. Must produce art and/or cultural material within Skid Row boundaries or with the participation of Skid Row residents.
4. **At-Large Board Member (1)** -- Open to Stakeholders at least 18 years of age. Must self-affirm a connection to the Skid Row community.
5. **Social Service Provider/Faith-Based Board Member (2)** -- Open to Stakeholders at least 18 years of age. Must work for a non-profit social service provider within our boundaries or must provide a faith-based service within our boundaries.
6. **Community Advocate/Social Justice Board Member (1)** -- Open to Stakeholders at least 18 years of age. Must actively and publicly engage in social issues pertinent to our community.

No single Stakeholder group shall hold a majority of Board seats unless extenuating circumstances exist and are approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (“Department”).

Section 2: Quorum - The quorum shall be [6] members of the Board. No floating quorums are allowed.

Section 3: Official Actions - A simple majority vote by the Board members present, not including abstentions, at a meeting in which there is a quorum shall be required to take official action, unless specified otherwise in these Bylaws.

Section 4: Terms and Term Limits - Board members shall serve; one Two (2) year term commencing after being seated. There will be a maximum of Four (4) consecutive terms. After which, at least one-year must past before previous Board member can run for election again.

Section 5: Duties and Powers - The primary duties of the Board shall be to govern the Council and to carry out its objectives. No individual member of the Board shall speak for the Board or otherwise publicly represent a Board position. The President shall be the only Board Member who is authorized to speak on behalf of the Board and shall be considered the chief representative of the Skid Row Neighborhood Council.

Section 6: Vacancies – Vacancies on the Board shall be filled using the following procedure:

President Fills Vacancies, with Board Approval

A vacancy on the Board shall be filled by a Stakeholder who satisfies the eligibility requirements for holding the vacated Board seat. The President shall have the discretion to appoint the vacancy from any applicants or among any other qualified Stakeholders at any time, subject to a majority vote of the Board at a public meeting. The appointed applicant's term shall be limited to the term for the vacated seat.

Section 7: Absences - Any Board member who misses [3] regularly scheduled consecutive Neighborhood Council Governing Board meetings during any twelve (12) month period will be automatically removed from the Board. If (3) consecutive meetings are missed, this shall be considered a resignation. Additionally, any Board member who leaves a Board meeting before votes are taken on all items on the agenda (3) times during their term will be automatically removed from the Board. Each Board member absence shall be recorded in the Council’s meeting minutes or other manner of Council record keeping, and that, upon missing the qualifying number of Board meetings for removal, the President shall provide official notice to that Board member that their seat has been declared vacant. Any meeting of the full Skid Row Neighborhood Council Advisory Board, scheduled and noticed as per the Brown Act, shall constitute an official meeting for the purpose of determining Board member attendance.

Section 8: Censure - The Council can take action to publically reprimand a Board member for actions conducted in the course of Council business by censuring the Board member at a Council Board meeting. Censures shall be placed on the agenda for discussion and action.

Section 9: Removal of Governing Board Members – The Council shall consult with the Office of the City Attorney throughout any Board removal process. Board members may be removed in the following ways:

1. Petition by Stakeholders— A Board member may be removed from office by the submission of a written petition to the Secretary, which includes; i) the identity of the Board member to be removed, ii) a description, in detail, of the reason for removal, and iii) the valid signatures of fifty (50) Stakeholders (50% of said signatures must be from Stakeholders who can be identified as that seat’s constituency).

A) Upon receipt of a written petition for removal, the Secretary shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for a vote of the Board at the next regular Council meeting.

B) Removal of the identified Board member requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the attending Board members.

C) The Board member who is the subject of the removal action shall have the right to deliver to Board members a written statement about the matter and/or to speak at the Board meeting prior to the vote, but shall not be counted as part of the quorum, nor allowed to vote on the matter.

2. Petition by Board - A Board member may be removed from the Board for good cause, including, but not limited to, disruptive conduct; interfering with Council business; violations of the Bylaws, Operating Procedures or Code of Conduct following a Board member’s submission to the Board of a petition which includes: i) The identity of the Board member to be removed, ii) States the reason for removal by identifying the violation of the internal rules or procedures and specifies the conduct of the person, and iii) Contains the signatures of a majority of the remaining Board members. The Board President will not have a vote in this matter.

A) The petition shall be delivered simultaneously to all Board members and the matter placed on the agenda and scheduled for a vote at the next regular Board meeting.

B) Removal of the identified Board member requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

C) The Board member who is the subject of the removal action shall have

the right to deliver to Board members a written statement about the matter and/or to speak at the Board meeting prior to the vote, but shall not be counted as part of the quorum, nor allowed to vote on the matter.

If the vote for removal is affirmative, the position shall be deemed vacant and filled via the Council's vacancy clause.

Section 10: Resignation - A Board member may resign from the Council, and the position shall then be deemed vacant. Any member of the Board who ceases to be a Stakeholder eligible for that seat is required to immediately submit his or her resignation to the Board for discussion and action at the next Board meeting. Removal of a Board member no longer eligible for their seat requires a majority of the attending Board members at the Board meeting acting on this matter.

Section 11: Community Outreach - The Council shall direct that a system of outreach be instituted to inform Stakeholders as to the existence and activities of the Council, including its Board elections, to find future leaders of the Council, and to encourage all Stakeholders to seek leadership positions within the Council.

The Council shall maintain an online presence to disseminate information to Community Stakeholders and others interested in the Council.

In addition, the Board shall create, or shall cause to be created, a marketing plan to solicit participation from Stakeholders. The plan may include, for example, the creation of flyers, postcards, pamphlets and other related materials. It may also include e-mail blasts to various organizations including a regularly scheduled e-blast to local government officials and other local organizations as determined by the Board.

Outreach also should be undertaken at public events and shall be coordinated with other Neighborhood Councils when appropriate.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Founder Emeritus: General Jeff is acknowledged to be the Founder Emeritus of the Skid Row Neighborhood Council and is authorized to speak on all issues affecting the SRNC, recognizing that the Executive Committee will have the final word on all policy issues and also recognizing that the Board President is the official spokesperson for the

Council.

Section 1: Officers of the Board - The officers of the Board (“Officers”) shall include the following positions which all together comprise the Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: Duties and Powers - The duties of the Officers are as follows and also include such additional duties as may be adopted by official action of the Board:

- A) The President shall;
 - 1. Be the Chairperson of the Board;
 - 2. Be an ex-officio member of all committees;
 - 3. Be a member of and Chair of the Executive Committee;
 - 4. Appoint all committee Chairs.
 - 5. Act as the spokesperson for the Council as an official representative to the public media, unless otherwise designated;
 - 6. Be a signatory of all official communication for the rest of the Council, all bank notes and contracts;
 - 7. Notify the Department of all necessary information of all new Board members, and carry out whatever other duties may be required by the Department.

- B) The Vice President shall;
 - 1. Serve in place of the President if the President is unable to serve;
 - 2. Preside in absence of the President;
 - 3. Be the Chairperson of the Elections Committee, and be a member and Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee;
 - 4. Be the official timekeeper in all situations requiring time limitations.

- C) The Secretary shall;
 - 1. Keep the minutes of all Board meetings. An Alternate Secretary may be appointed by the Board to serve in the absence of the Secretary, as needed. Unless the person serving as Alternate Secretary is already a Board member, he or she shall not have any of the rights of a

Board member, including the right to vote on matters before the Board. Any Stakeholder can be appointed as Acting Secretary by the President in the absence of the Secretary but shall not be counted for purposes of quorum.

2. Be responsible to distribute minutes from Board meetings to all Board members no later than two (2) weeks after each Board meeting;
3. Be a member of the Executive Committee;
4. Act as President in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

D) The Treasurer shall;

1. Maintain the records of the Council's finances and books of accounts and perform other duties in accordance with the Council's Financial Management Plan and the Department's policies and procedures;
2. Be responsible for all funds expended by the Skid Row Neighborhood Council;
3. Receive, disburse and account for all Council funds on behalf of Board and give an updated account of Council finances at every regular Board meeting, or upon request of the President;
4. Act as President in the absence of the President, Vice-President and Secretary;
5. Serve on the Executive Committee;
6. Serve as Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee;
7. Be a signatory to all bank notes.

Section 3: Selection of Officers –

Officer positions shall be filled every two [2] years at the first official Board meeting following their election or selection in Board election years, and at the subsequent one (1) year anniversary mark of the Officers' election in Board non-election years.

Section 4: Officer Terms - The Officers shall serve Two (2) year terms and serve at the pleasure of the Board. They may stand for reelection annually.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

All Standing and Ad Hoc Committees shall be appointed by the President & ratified by the Board. Suggestions for committees and committee members may come from Stakeholders or from members of the Board, and all such suggestions shall be voted upon by the Board.

Section 1: Standing Committees – The Standing Committees of the Council are;

- 1.) Executive Committee
- 2.) Budget and Finance Committee
- 3.) Outreach and Communications Committee
- 4.) Planning and Land Use Committee
- 5.) Community Issues and Concerns Committee
- 6.) Parks, Environment, Health & Wellness Committee
- 7.) Community Development Committee

Section 2: Ad Hoc Committees – The Board may create Ad Hoc Committees as needed to deal with temporary issues, such as Council elections, Bylaws, specific community-affecting issues, etc.

Section 3: Committee Creation and Authorization

- a. **Committee Authority** - All committee recommendations shall be brought back to the full Board for discussion and action.
- b. **Committee Structure** – With the exception of the Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, who must be Stakeholders, shall be appointed by the President and ratified by the Board. Standing Committees shall be comprised of at least three (3) Stakeholders, one of which shall be a Board member. Ad Hoc Committees shall be comprised of at least two (2) Stakeholders, one of which shall be a Board member. Chairs of Committees do not need to be Board Members. There shall be no more than nine (9) Committee Members for each committee (Applies to both Standing and Ad Hoc Committees).

c. **Committee Appointment** – All Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board. The Chairs shall keep a written record of Committee meetings and shall provide regular reports on Committee matters to the Board on a monthly basis.

d. **Committee Meetings** – Committee meetings are subject to and shall be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act. Minutes shall be taken at every Committee meeting.

e. **Changes to Committees** - The Board may establish, disband or make changes as needed to any Standing or Ad Hoc committee. Any such action by the Board shall be noted in the Council meeting minutes.

f. **Appointment and Removal of Committee Members** – Committee members are appointed by the President of the Council. They may be removed by a majority vote of Committee members and are subject to the same rules of civility as the Board.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

All meetings, as defined by the Ralph M. Brown Act (*California Government Code Section 54950.5 et seq.*), shall be noticed and conducted in accordance with the Act and all other applicable laws and governmental policy.

Section 1: Meeting Time and Place - All meetings shall be held within the Council boundaries at a location, date and time set by the President. A calendar of regular meetings shall be established by the Board at its first regular meeting of each calendar year.

a. **Regular Meetings** - Regular Council meetings shall be once per month. Prior to any action by the Board, there shall be a period of public comment. The Board shall determine the length and format of the public comment period, as appropriate and accommodating as possible.

b. **Special Meetings** – The President or a majority of the Board shall be allowed to call a Special Council Meeting as needed.

Section 2: Agenda Setting –

The Executive Committee shall set the agenda for each Council meeting at the Executive Committee meeting. Executive Committee meetings must happen prior to 72-hour Brown Act agenda posting requirement.

Any Stakeholder can make a proposal for action by the Council by submitting a written request to the Executive Committee to include on the agenda at the next regular Council meeting. The Board shall either consider the proposal or create an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the proposal. The Council is required to consider the proposal at a Committee or Board meeting, but is not required to take further action on the proposal. Proposals made under this subsection are subject to the rules regarding reconsideration

Section 3: Notifications/Postings – Notice of a regular meeting shall be posted a minimum of three (3) days (72 hours) in advance of the meeting and at least one (1) day (24 hours) in advance of a special meeting. At a minimum, notice shall be posted at the Council’s five (5) Public Notice Locations specified on the Posting Location Form filed with the Department, on its website (if applicable) and emailed out to Stakeholders if the Council maintains such a database. Regular and Special meeting agendas shall also be emailed to the Department.

Section 4: Reconsideration

The Board may reconsider or amend its actions through a Motion for Reconsideration process defined in its standing rules. (Standing Rules for the SRNC will be created in a separate document)

ARTICLE IX FINANCES

A. The Board shall review its fiscal budget and make adjustments as needed to comply with City laws and City administrative rules, and to keep in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and the City’s mandate for the use of standardized budget and minimum funding allocation requirements.

B. The Board shall adhere to all rules and regulations promulgated by appropriate City officials regarding the Council’s finances, where the term “appropriate City officials” means those officials and/or agencies of the City of Los Angeles who have authority over Neighborhood Councils.

C. All financial accounts and records shall be available for public inspection and posted on the Council website, if available.

D. Each month, the Treasurer shall provide to the Board detailed reports of the Council’s accounts.

E. At least once each quarter, the President and at least one (1) other individual other than the Treasurer, who is designated by the Board, shall examine the Council’s accounts and attest to their accuracy before submitting the documentation to the Department for further review.

F. The Council will not enter into any contracts or agreements except through the Department.

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 - 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- Governing Board Structure and Voting”.

Section 3: Minimum Voting Age - All Community Stakeholders aged 13 and above shall be entitled to vote in the Skid Row Neighborhood Council elections.

Section 4: Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status- Voters will verify their Stakeholder status through written self-affirmation.

Section 5: Restrictions on Candidates Running for Multiple Seats- A candidate shall declare their candidacy for no more than one (1) position on the Council Board during a

single election cycle.

Section 6: Other Election-Related Language- All eligible candidates must submit a minimum 100-word statement of why they believe they should serve as a member of the Council.

ARTICLE XI GRIEVANCE PROCESS

A. Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the President who shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular Council meeting. As an alternative, any grievance may be verbalized and/or submitted in writing to the Board during the Public Comment period of a Board Meeting.

B. At that meeting, the Board shall refer the matter to an Ad Hoc Grievance Panel comprised of three (3) Stakeholders randomly selected by the Board from a list of Stakeholders who have expressed an interest in serving from time-to-time on such a panel.

C. Within two (2) weeks of the panel's selection, the Board 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.

D. 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 panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board may receive a copy of the panel's 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 Council meeting.

E. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, such as the Board's 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 Council meetings.

F. Board members are not permitted to file a grievance against another Board member or against the Council.

ARTICLE XII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The Council shall use the:

Robert's Rules of Order when conducting Council meetings.

Additional rules and/or policies and procedures regarding the conduct of the Board and/or Council meetings may be developed and adopted by the Board, and subjected to approval by the Department prior to implementation.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

A. Any Board member may propose an amendment to these Bylaws by requesting that the Secretary place the item on the next regular Council agenda.

B. Any Stakeholder may propose an amendment to these Bylaws during the public comment period of a regular Council meeting.

C. Any proposal to amend the Bylaws shall be formalized in writing, given to the President, and noticed on the agenda for public discussion and Board vote at the next regular Council meeting.

D. An amendment to these bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board members present at a duly noticed general or special meeting. All changes shall then be forwarded to the Department for review and approval.

E. Amendments shall not be valid, final or effective until approved by the Department. Once approved, any changes in the Bylaws shall become effective immediately.

ARTICLE XIV COMPLIANCE

The Council, its representatives, and all Community Stakeholders shall comply with these Bylaws and with any additional Standing Rules or Procedures as may be adopted by the Board of Directors as well as all local, county, state and federal laws, including, without limitation, the Plan for a Citywide System of Government (hereinafter referred

to as “the Plan”), the City Code of Conduct, the City Governmental Ethics Ordinance (*Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 49.5.1*), the Brown Act (*California Government Code Section 54950.5 et seq.*), the Public Records Act, the American Disabilities Act, and all laws and governmental policies pertaining to Conflicts of Interest.

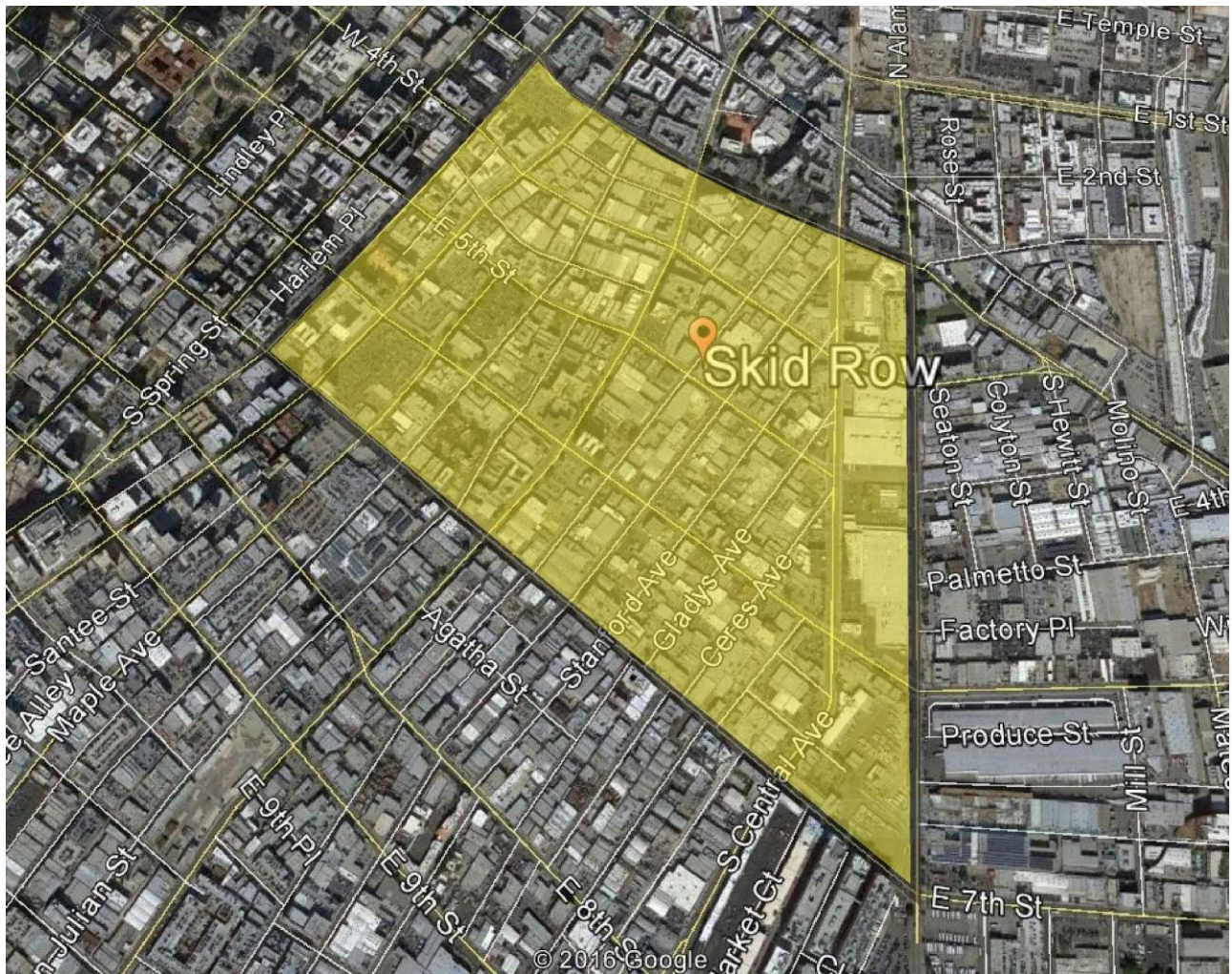
Section 1: Code of Civility – The Council, its representatives, and all Community Stakeholders shall conduct all Council business in a civil, professional and respectful manner at all times during any and all official Board and/or Committee meetings.

Section 2: Training – All Board members shall take training in the fundamentals of Neighborhood Council, including, but not limited to, ethics, funding, workplace violence and sexual harassment trainings provided by the City within forty-five (45) days of being seated, or they will lose their Council voting rights.

Section 3: Self-Assessment – Every year, the Council shall conduct a self-assessment pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Plan.

ATTACHMENT A

Map of Skid Row Neighborhood Council



Los Angeles City Council: 14th District

Fire Station #9: 430 East 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014 (outside of boundaries, but commonly known as Skid Row's Fire Station)

Fire Station #23 (inactive): 225 East 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013 (In 1966, this station was declared a Historic Cultural Monument by the Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission. It was added to the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 1980)

LAPD Central Division Police Station: 251 East 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014

San Julian Park: 312 East 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013

Gladys Park: 808 East 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021

DWP Building: 560 South Wall Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013

Department of Mental Health: 529 South Maple Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90013

ATTACHMENT B

Governing Board Structure and Voting - 11 Board Seats

President, Vice President	Selected	Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the selection.	Not self-affirmed Stakeholder.
Secretary	Selected		Not self-affirmed Stakeholder.
Treasurer	Selected		Not self-affirmed Stakeholder.
Board Seats			
Resident (5)	Elected		Open to Stakeholders at least 18 years of age. Not open to employees of housing/shelter providers. 3 reserved for low-income and/or homeless residents.
Business (1)			Must own a business (not non-profit) or work for a business within Skid Row.
Arts & Culture (1)			Must produce art and/or cultural material within Skid Row or with the participation of Skid Row residents. Open to all with an interest in Skid Row.
At-Large (1)			Open to Stakeholders at least 18 years of age. Must self-affirm a connection to the Skid Row community.

Social Service Provider/Faith-Based Board Member (2)			Must work for or run a nonprofit that is located within Skid Row boundaries or provide a faith-based service(s) within the Skid Row boundaries.
Community Advocate/Social Justice Board Member (1)			Must work for or prove affiliation with a community-based advocacy or social justice organization that operates within the boundaries of Skid Row.