



**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 acknowledges the Harbor Gateway South Neighborhood Council's (HGSNC) past outreach efforts and concurs with the HGSNC reasoning to change their board structure, reducing the Member At Large seats from 10 to 4.

The Board is requesting the following:

1. Reducing the Member At Large seats from 10 to 4.

Original Language:

#### **ARTICLE V GOVERNING BOARD**

**501. Composition.** The Board of Governors (Board) shall consist of those persons elected by the Stakeholders as provided in Article X, who will serve in the following capacities: Ten (10) Members at Large and five (5) Area Board Members for a total of fifteen (15) persons.

**502. Quorum.** A quorum of the Board of Governors shall consist of one-half plus one of the fifteen (15) Members thereof, specifically eight (8) Board Members.

**503. Official Actions.** The Council shall take Official Action by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the board members present and voting, not including abstentions. To the extent possible, the Board shall respect and take into consideration the expressed will of the majority of the Council present during the discussion of the subject of the action at the Council meeting.

**504. Terms and Term Limits.** Board Member terms shall be two (2) years. In no case shall a Stakeholder remain in the same Board position for more than eight (8) consecutive years. Board position is defined as any Board position, e.g., President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian/Sergeant at Arms, any of the five (5) Area Representatives, and/or any of the five (5) At Large Board positions.

Amended Language:

#### **ARTICLE V GOVERNING BOARD**

**501. Composition.** The Board of Governors (Board) shall consist of those persons elected by the Stakeholders as provided in Article X, who will serve in the following capacities: Four (4) Members at Large and five (5) Area Board Members for a total of nine (9) persons.

**502. Quorum.** A quorum of the Board of Governors shall consist of one-half plus one of the nine (9) Members thereof, specifically five (5) Board Members.

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The Department recommends that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners:

**FIND** the Harbor Gateway South Neighborhood Council's request to change their Board structure is consistent with the principles governing a Certified Neighborhood Council's purpose and operations per Article VI, Section 3 (c) of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils; and

**APPROVE** the change to the Harbor Gateway South Neighborhood Council's bylaws.

If the Commission approves the change of bylaws, the Amended Bylaw Language shall be deemed approved and become effective immediately. If the Commission rejects the change of bylaws, the Original Bylaw Language shall remain.

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