

DLANC Bylaws Amendment Worksheet

This worksheet is designed to facilitate the amendment process for the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (DLANC) Bylaws. Please complete all relevant fields for each proposed amendment.

Field	Description
Article/Section/Title/Page	Article 5 Section 4 page 8 (May 2024).
Name of Committee Member(s)	Paul Gamberg & Dennis Fried
Issue	All board members currently end their terms at the same time, creating challenges for continuity, institutional knowledge, and organizational stability.
Current Language	Section 4: Terms and Term Limits - Directors shall serve a term of two (2) years or until the next General Election. There are no term limits.

Proposed Language

Section 4: Terms and Term Limits - All elected seats have a four (4)-year term, with a staggered election cycle that elects half the Board at each election. Directors appointed mid-term will serve until the original term expires.

Board members must maintain their seats and voting eligibility throughout their tenure to qualify for voting and counting for a quorum.

To begin the staggered terms, 12 Board Members are enumerated to serve four-year terms commencing with the 2027 elections. The remaining Board Member positions will be elected to a one (1) time, two (2) year term in 2027 and, commencing in 2029, will subsequently be elected to a four (4) year term.

2027 Election 12 Positions for four-year terms as follows:

- 1 Area Wide Director
- 1 At Large Director
- 1 Social Services Provider Director
- 1 Central City East Business Director
- 1 Fashion District Business Director
- 1 Historic Core Business Director
- 1 South Park Business Director
- 1 Civic Center Business Director
- 1 Area-Wide Homeless Resident Director
- 1 South Park Resident Director
- 1 Historic Core Resident Director
- 1 Central City East Resident Director

TERM LIMITS: There are no term limits.

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Justification

Staggered terms are essential to maintain continuity and stability within the council. When all members start and end their service simultaneously, the organization risks losing valuable institutional knowledge and disrupting ongoing initiatives. By staggering terms, only part of the board transitions at a time, ensuring experienced members stay to mentor new directors, support smoother onboarding, and uphold consistent leadership for long-term projects and community representation.

In 2027, all board seats will be open for election. At that time, 12 seats will be designated for two-year terms and 12 for four-year terms, with candidates choosing which seat to run for.

At the conclusion of the 2027 cycle, the 12 seats elected to two-year terms will be converted to four-year terms. This creates the stagger: beginning in 2029, only those 12 seats will be up for election, while the other 12 seats will not come up until 2031. From that point forward, half the board will be elected every two years, ensuring continuity, preserving institutional knowledge, and maintaining organizational stability.

Has DONE approved similar language for other NCs?	Yes, Stagger covered on Page 1. Eligibility maintenance from approved (3/24/24) Hollywood United. Representation Stagger in Hollywood, United, Sherman Oaks, and several others. UPDATE: Michael Lektorich (213)978-0444 Sr. Election Admin. For the City Clerk, there is no problem with this type of stagger.
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GENERAL COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____