

In accordance with the City of San Diego's Community Planning Group Election Guidance under COVID-19 memorandum dated January 19, 2021, and its bylaws, and in further consideration of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the NCPI Election Subcommittee shall conduct its annual elections on-line using the electionbuddy.com platform as follows:

Eligibility is established under Article III, Section 2 of the bylaws. NCPI requires proof of identity of those eligible community members who are seeking to vote in the election to ensure that voting is only by eligible members of the community. In order to receive an electronic ballot and vote in the election, all voters will be required to submit proof of eligibility via email to navajoplanners@gmail.com email on or before March 5, 2021. This email must include voters' First and Last Name, Email Address, Eligible Address and Proof of Identity as specified in Article V, Section 2 of the bylaws. The Election Subcommittee will verify eligibility.

All eligible voters verified by the Election Subcommittee will receive an electronic ballot via email through the electionbuddy.com platform on March 8, 2021 and will be required to cast their votes using the platform on or before March 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Results will be announced at the March 10, 2021 regular meeting of NCPI.

Article III, Section 2 of the bylaws provides:

Council Policy 600-24 requires that elected members of NCPI shall, to the extent possible, be representative of the various geographic sections of the community and diversified community interests. On the NCPI, all elected seats are filled by any eligible member identified below with no further restriction on the distribution of seats among interests in the community, other than four (4) representatives from each of the four (4) Navajo communities are to be elected to represent their neighborhoods. Planning group members shall be elected by and from all eligible members of the community. To be an eligible community member, an individual must be at least 18 years of age, and shall be affiliated with the community as a: (1) property owner, who is an individual identified as the sole or partial owner of record, or their designee, of a real property (either developed or undeveloped), within the community planning area, or (2) resident, who is an individual whose primary address of residence is an address in the community planning area, or (3) local businessperson, who is a local business or not-for-profit owner, operator, or designee at a non-residential real property address in the community planning area; only one representative of a particular establishment may hold a seat on the NCPI at one time. An individual may become an eligible member of the community, for purposes of being elected to the NCPI, by documented attendance at two (2) meetings of the NCPI prior to the March general election and submitting an application to the Election Committee to verify eligibility, either prior to the March general election or at the time of voting. Once eligibility to vote is established, an individual remains an eligible member of the community, until a determination is made that the individual does not meet the planning group's criteria and formal action is taken by the planning group to declare otherwise. However, NCPI shall require proof of eligibility during elections.

Article V, Section 2 of the bylaws provides:

NCPI shall make a good faith effort to utilize means appropriate to publicize the planning group's eligibility requirements for candidacy and the upcoming elections. In the election process, the planning group shall seek enough new candidates to exceed the number of seats open for election in order to allow those who have served for eight (8) consecutive years to leave the group for at least one year. - 6 - NCPI holds its election at the March regular meeting at one (1) location and prior to the commencement of the regular March meeting. NCPI will require proof of identity of those eligible community members who are seeking to vote in the election. The planning group shall ensure that voting is only by eligible members of the community. Proof of identity may include, but not be limited to: a property tax bill, utility bill, valid photo identification or valid and current business license. Disputed identification shall be reviewed and certified by the Elections Committee Chairperson. Further, businesses will be allowed one (1) vote per business for purposes of elections to NCPI. If an individual meets more than one of the eligibility requirements, then he/she is only eligible to cast one (1) vote. Non-resident property owners or their designees are allowed only one (1) vote per property. The ballot presented to eligible community members to vote will clearly identify which seats individual candidates are running for, how many candidates can be selected, whether there are limitations on which candidates various categories of eligible community members can vote for and which candidates, if any, must receive a 2/3 majority of the vote due to service beyond eight consecutive years of service. The NCPI policy related to write-in candidates is that write-in candidates are allowed, if eligible, per Article III, Section 2. If it is later determined that the write-in candidate is ineligible, any vote cast for an ineligible write-in candidate is an invalid vote and will not be counted.