CLAIREMONT COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (CCPG) PUBLIC NOTICE ON 2021 ELECTION PROCESS

02/19/2021 Dear Community Members,

At our February 16th, 2021 Main Meeting, CCPG discussed our upcoming 2021 Elections and how to hold them under the current circumstances placed upon us due to the COVID-19 Virus. The City's Planning Department released guidelines that Planning Groups had the option of offering a mail-in election, or online election. The Planning Department also provided the suggestion to groups that they may decide to postpone an election and have the current makeup of the board remain intact until the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to the virus would be lifted.

General comments and concerns from both CCPG members and community members heard at the meeting ranged from how residency eligibility would be verified if the election was held online, verification of voting only once, overall constraints with online voting, and so on. Further, at the time of the meeting, there were no members of the community who had met our eligibility requirement of attending 3 CCPG Main Meetings since April of 2019.

Therefore, in a unanimous vote of members present at the February 16th meeting, CCPG voted to postpone discussion on holding an election until its July 2021 meeting or whenever the Governor's Emergency Declaration is lifted, whichever comes first.

Going forward between now and then, we do have seats that will need to be filled as 4 members are leaving CCPG next month due to other commitments and needs in their life. We can fill those seats on an appointed basis as it warrants. If you do have interest and would like to apply, please email <u>clairemontplanninggroup@gmail.com</u>.

We thank you very much for your understanding in this decision as it was one that we did not take lightly in any way. We believe that our community deserves a fair, transparent, and safe election where fellow community members can vote for their desired candidates.

From all of us at CCPG, we hope you and your family stay safe during these trying times.

Sincerely,

Naveen Waney/CCPG Chair Nicholas Reed/CCPG Vice-Chair

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