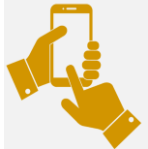


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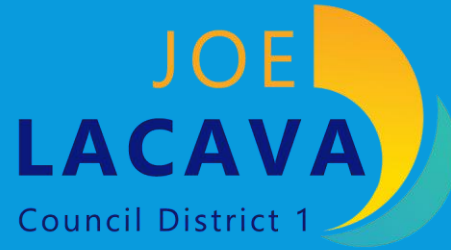
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CITY OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego Planning Commission

January 20, 2022

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OVERVIEW

Follow-up from actions taken 2018-2019:

- 2018 – Performance Audit of CPGs
- 2018 – Grand Jury report on CPGs
- 2019 – City Attorney legal analysis of CPGS
- 2019 – Land Use & Housing review
- 2019 – CPC offers recommendations
- 2020 – City Attorney DRAFT revisions to CP 600-24

2019 CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

“There is some ambiguity in certain language of CP 600-24 that may create confusion as to the City’s legal relationship with CPGs, and we recommend that this relationship be clarified noting CPGs are not City-created bodies, but independent legal entities.”

“Further, the City should maintain a clear separation from the governance of CPGs.”

OPTIONS FOR AMENDING CP 600-24

- **Amend Council Policy 600-24 and Municipal Code to make CPGs independent advisory bodies**
- Amend the Charter to expressly create CPGs as City-created bodies and define their organizational structure and governance, which would require a vote of the people
- Comply with the Charter requiring political appointments of CPG voting members, create ordinances for each board, and institute financial disclosure requirements
- Do nothing and subject City to legal liability

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Amend CP 600-24 to comply with the City Charter, better reflect the independent legal status of CPGs while maintaining their recognition by the City Council as advisory bodies
 - Retain the 500+ community volunteers who serve
 - Improve opportunities for broader community representation
 - Allow for an effective and supportive use of City resources
 - Amend CP 600-09 *Community Planners Committee*

WHAT WILL NOT CHANGE

- CPGs can still be recognized and indemnified by the City
- CPGs continue to make agendas and documents publicly available in conformance with Brown Act
- CPG voting members will continue to be elected by those who live, own property, or own a business in the community
- CPGs retain the ability to provide organized feedback on General Plan related issues, development projects, and infrastructure priorities

CHANGES TO EXPECT

- CPGs will take ownership of their own official documents
- CPGs will be required to make agendas and documents publicly available in conformance with Brown Act
- Encourage CPGs to designate seats for renters, stakeholders and business representatives to ensure voting members are representative of community
- Remove "meeting attendance" restrictions on who can vote in annual elections and who can run for a voting seat

OUTREACH TO DATE

- November 30th: CPC
- January 25th: Return to CPC

NEXT STEPS

- Early 2022: Land Use & Housing hearing
- Early 2022: City Council hearing
- Summer 2022: CPGs seek recognition under the updated CP 600-24 by filing organizational documents
- Fall 2022: City Council hearing to grant recognition under update CP 600-24

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REQUESTED ACTION

Recommend approval of requested amendments to Municipal Code to ensure the role of the City's Community Planning Groups is consistent with the City Charter

QUESTIONS?

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