

Executive Committee Supporting Document – ATTACHMENT A

*Standing Rules Amendment - Adding Item 1.I. to the current Standing Rules (2/3 Vote required)*

*1.I. Voting Tally - Eligible Votes for motions shall be counted in the manner exemplified by the City of Los Angeles <http://empowerla.org/neighborhood-council-voting-facts/example> dated January 21st, 2016.*

**"Example**

*A Neighborhood Council has 15 board seats and has a quorum of 9 board members to take action. Eleven board members are present, but only 9 are qualified to vote for an item before them because of training requirements. Based on the 3 ways a board can take action, here are the important numbers for the scenario:*

- 1. Simple majority of board members present – Requires 6 votes to pass*
- 2. Simple majority of board members present and voting – Requires 5 votes to pass*
- 3. Simple majority of the total board – Requires 8 votes to pass*

*If the final vote is 6 for, 3 against and 2 ineligible, then the motion only passes under the first 2 scenarios.*

*Remember, the required number of votes necessary can change between each agenda item. For instance, if in this scenario, the next item requires 2 board member recusals as well as the 2 ineligible board members, then some of the important numbers have shifted because only 9 board members are present now with 7 qualified to vote:*

- 1. Simple majority of board members present – Requires 5 votes to pass*
- 2. Simple majority of board members present and voting – Requires 4 votes to pass*
- 3. Simple majority of the total board – Requires 8 votes to pass*

*If the final vote is 4 for, 3 against and 2 ineligible, then the motion still passes under the 2nd scenario, but not the 1st and 3rd.*

*Even though a board member is ineligible to vote, s/he still counts towards quorum and the number of board members present. S/he does not, however, count towards the number of board members voting. A recused board member does not count towards quorum or the number of board members present or the number of board members voting."*