

January 4, 2006

TO: Disability Services Advisory Council

FROM: Nominating Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Council's Bylaws

At the November 2005 DSAC meeting, the Council's Nominating Committee agreed to meet to discuss recruitment procedures and related issues. The Committee met twice, on November 29 and December 16, 2005. This discussion prompted a broader discussion of the provisions of the Council's By-Laws, as well. During this latter discussion, a number of proposed amendments to the By-Laws were suggested and, following debate and revisions, were endorsed for presentation to the Council. This memo is to introduce them to all Council members.

The table below provides a "road map" to these amendments. The document attached is an amended version of the Council's By-Laws, with the new or amended language inserted and underlined, and any deleted language lined through.

By-Laws Page #	By-Laws Article Reference	Brief Description
2	IV, intro paragraph	Expands membership composition goal
3	V.1.c	Regarding re-appointment to the Council.
4	V.2.a; V.3.a; V.4.a	Change to Oct-Sept operating year
4	V.4.b	Reference re-numbering
5	VI.1.a(1)	Six times per year meeting schedule
5	VI.1.a(2)	Amend punctuation
5	VI.2.b	Amend punctuation
5	VI.2.c	Allows limited remote participation and voting
6	VII.2.a(2)	Duties of Council Chair expanded and subsequent paragraphs re-numbered
7	VIII	New article added (Executive Committee) and all subsequent articles re-numbered
8	IX.2.b(2)	Improve language and clarify content
8	IX.2.b(3)	Shorten trigger for declaring a seat vacant

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8	IX.3	Improve language
9	X.3.a(1)	Reference re-numbering
11	X.3.d(1)(b)	Reference re-numbering
12	XI.1	Improve language
12	XI.2	Absence provision

## **REQUESTED ACTION**

No action is requested at the January Council meeting. However, review and comment is encouraged.

In accordance with the provisions of current By-Laws Article XI, Amendments, amendments are to be introduced at one regular meeting and voted on at the next regular meeting. If they are adopted by a two-thirds vote at the second meeting, they are to be forwarded to the LCOG Board Executive Committee for ratification. Once ratified, they supersede prior adopted versions of the Council's By-Laws.

## **Attachment**

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