



NOTICE TO Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association (SCNA) MEMBERS  
OF INTENT TO AMEND BYLAWS

The SCNA Board approved changes to the SCNA bylaws at the October board meeting and recommends the membership approve certain of these changes at the annual membership meeting on December 10

The Bylaws with provisions adopted and rejected by the board along with provisions to be approved by the Membership can be found [HERE](#).

The bylaws require membership approval of any provision that impacts on a member's right to vote or changes the number or terms of directors (Art. XI. Sec. 1. Power of Members). Ten (10) day notice of intent to amend the bylaws is required (Art. XI. Sec. 2. Power of Directors).

The provisions that require member approval on December 10 include:

- ✓ **Pay dues at least 72 hours before the membership meeting to be eligible to vote.** This change will streamline the process, enabling members, staff and the board to focus on board accomplishments, future plans and electing directors.
- ✓ **Vote up to 14 days early to facilitate member voting.** Those unable to attend the membership meeting in person can obtain a ballot from the Sierra 2 office.
- ✓ **Reduce the number of directors** from the current 23 to 15. The board will devise a plan for reducing the size. The change will provide for a more manageable board appropriate to Sierra 2's current staffing levels. Staff performs most of Sierra 2's day-to-day functions and assists the board in its oversight role.
- ✓ **Board candidates nominated from the floor or self-nominated at the membership meeting must be members in good standing three months prior to the meeting or have two members vouch for their candidacy.** The Nominations Committee solicits and vets most candidates, but not floor or self-nominated candidates. This change will make it more likely that "last-minute" candidates will have some neighborhood experience and knowledge about board functions.
- ✓ **The board will have the discretion to fill director vacancies** rather than requiring them to do so, as is now the case. This change will enhance the board's ability to reduce the number of directors from 23 to 15.
- ✓ **Authorization for the board to remove a director or officer for cause**, as defined, by a two-thirds vote at a regular or special meeting with written notice explaining the reason for the proposed removal. The director to be removed will be allowed to address the board. "Cause" will include, but not be limited to, engaging in conduct detrimental to SCNA or violating SCNA's policies or bylaws. Currently, only SCNA resident members may remove a director at regular or special meeting.

The board urges SCNA members to attend and approve these provisions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Bailey  
SCNA President