

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Agenda Item #9

The Westwood Neighborhood Council believes that the empowerment of factual basis stakeholders to vote and/or run for a Board seat on a Neighborhood Council is antithetical to the very concept of Neighborhood Councils. By the inclusion of non-neighborhood stakeholders in Neighborhood Council elections and as Board members, the "Neighborhood" in Neighborhood Council is diminished to the point of irrelevance. In no other branch of governance is such a notion present. No amount of fine tuning of the definition of factual basis stakeholder or limitation of their number on any given NC Board can alter this fact.

We therefore urge the deletion of factual basis stakeholders from the Neighborhood Council system.