

ORDINANCE NO. 186760

An ordinance adding Section 22.814 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code to establish a uniform minimum voting age, a uniform minimum board member age, and an optional youth board seat for Neighborhood Councils.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 22.814 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is added to read as follows:

Sec. 22.814. Neighborhood Council Age Requirements and Optional Youth Board Seat.

(a) **Minimum Age to Vote.** Except as provided in Subsection (c), on the day that a Neighborhood Council election or selection occurs, a person must be at least 16 years of age to be eligible to vote.

(b) **Minimum Age to Serve.** Except as provided in Subsection (c), on the day that a Neighborhood Council election or selection for a board seat occurs, a person must be at least 18 years of age to be eligible to serve as a board member for a Neighborhood Council.

(c) **Optional Youth Board Seat.** A Neighborhood Council board may create up to one "Youth Board Seat" to be occupied by a minor, subject to the following restrictions:

(1) The Youth Board Seat shall be occupied by a person who is at least 14 years of age and no more than 17 years of age on the day that the Neighborhood Council election or selection for the Youth Board Seat occurs.

(2) A person must be at least 14 years of age on the day that the Neighborhood Council election or selection for that Youth Board Seat occurs to be eligible to vote for a Youth Board Seat candidate.

(d) **Retroactivity.** This section shall not be applied retroactively. Any seated Neighborhood Council board member whose eligibility to serve may be affected by the enactment of this section may serve the remainder of their term.

(e) **Rules and Regulations.** As authorized by Section 20.36 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Office of the City Clerk are authorized to promulgate rules and regulations and establish policies to implement and administer this section and elections hereunder, respectively.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

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MAYOR

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