



# PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE & BYLAWS RELEVANT TO REPLACEMENT OF COMMISSIONERS

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## ORDINANCE SUBSECTION (4)(J)(1)(C)(3)

“If any vacancy occurs on the commission by reason of the death, removal or resignation of any commissioner, the remaining members of the commission shall select a replacement commissioner from the pool of most qualified applicants previously selected by the county elections officer, utilizing the criteria set forth in subsection (4)(h)(3). To the extent practical the replacement commissioner shall be selected to maintain the balance of district representation and political affiliations that existed prior to the vacancy.”

## ORDINANCE SUBSECTION (4)(H)(3)

Regarding racial, ethnic, geographic, age and gender diversity:

“The six appointees shall be chosen based on relevant experience, analytical skills, and ability to be impartial, and to ensure that the commission reflects the county's diversity, including racial, ethnic, geographic, age and gender diversity. **However, formulas or specific ratios shall not be applied for this purpose.**”

## ORDINANCE SUBSECTION (4)(H)(3) CONT'D

Regarding partisan affiliation:

“The five commissioners shall also consider political party preference, selecting applicants so that the political party preferences of the members of the commission, as shown on the members' most recent affidavits of registration, shall be as proportional as possible to the percentage of voters who are registered with each political party in the County of Santa Barbara, as determined by registration at the most recent statewide election. However, the political party preferences of the commission members are not required to be exactly the same as the proportion of the political party preferences among the registered voters of the county.”

## ORDINANCE SUBSECTION (4)(H)(3) CONT'D

More on partisan affiliation:

“For this purpose, voters registered without stating a party preference or registered with any party that had a total registration of less than five percent in the county at the time of the last statewide election shall be considered unaffiliated. Unaffiliated members shall also be appointed to the commission in rough proportion to the percentage of unaffiliated registered voters at the time of the most recent statewide election.”

## BYLAWS ARTICLE II SECTION 11, AS AMENDED

“Any vacancy occurring on the Commission shall be filled by the Commission as soon as practicable. The Commission shall select a replacement Commissioner from the pool of most qualified applicants previously selected by the county elections official.”