

2021 UPTOWN PLANNERS SPECIAL ELECTION

Remaining Timeline:

- **JUNE 11, 2021:** Deadline for candidate applications.
- **JUNE 14, 2021:** Deadline for candidates to submit written or video candidate statements.
- **JUNE 21, 2021:** 4:00pm–6:00pm Final Uptown Planners Election Sub-Committee meeting.
- **JUNE 29, 2021:** 6:00pm – Deadline to submit electronic voter eligibility verification
- **JUNE 30, 2021:** 3:00pm – 6:00 pm Live voting at Joyce Beers Center. Efforts to authorize potential morning hours for voting remain ongoing.
- **JULY 5, 2021:** 3:00pm – 6:00 pm Live voting at Joyce Beers Center. Efforts to authorize potential morning hours for voting remain ongoing.
- **JULY 6, 2021:** 4:00pm – 7:30pm Live voting at Joyce Beers Center.
7:30pm – All vote counting begins. Results to be announced upon completion.

Electronic Voter Eligibility Verification

- Voters can fill out form and submit required supporting documentation online through Uptown Planners website.
- Election Committee to review and either qualify voter submissions or reject them as insufficient.
- If qualified, voter name then placed on eligible voter list that will be maintained at live voting station during applicable days/hours.
- If rejected, Election Committee will notify the voter by email as to why their submission was insufficient.
- Election Committee will save all electronic voter submissions to a single electronic folder.

UPTOWN PLANNERS VOTER ELIGIBILITY REGISTRATION FORM

Print – Complete – Scan/Photo Form + ID + Proof of Residency - Email

Verification of voter eligibility has been time consuming and often led to lengthy lines/delays during past Uptown Planners elections. In order to avoid such lines and reduce voting delays at the live voting location, eligible voters now have two options to complete this process.

1. They can provide the information outlined below at the live voting station and once eligibility is verified, they can vote. **OR**
2. They can submit a completed Voter Eligibility Registration Form online per the instructions outlined below. Once approved by Election Committee, they will receive an email indicating they were approved. They will then be on an approved voter list at the live voting station and will not have to go through the in-person eligibility verification process in person. All online submissions must be received **no later than 6:00pm on June 29, 2021.**

Online voter eligibility verification is open to any person age 18 or older who is a resident, property owner, or who owns or operates a business within the Uptown area.

If you meet the noted requirements and wish to become an approved verified voter you must submit this Eligibility Form together with:

1. proof of your identification such as a California driver's License (***if current address on identification is within the Uptown area voter will not need #2 below), AND IF NEEDED,***
2. proof of your current residency within Uptown area, such as a utility bill showing your current address and the same name noted on the identification.
3. **NOTE:** For non-residents, please provide ID and proof of property ownership or business ownership or non-profit directorship, as your case may be.

You may submit these by email in the form of scans or photographs. **If using email, please black out your license number and any other personal information on documents other than name and address.**

Alternatively, you may submit items 1 and 2 (*if needed*), or 3, at the live voting station as noted below.

I am Resident (Check 1 Category)
 Homeowner
 Renter

Non-Resident (Check 1 Category)
 Property Owner
 Business Owner
 Non-Profit Director
 Name of Business or Non-Profit

I Want to Complete Voter Eligibility Verification in Advance Online

Email a scan or photo of your Application Form, and a scan or photos of items 1 & 2 (*if needed*) or 3 to elections@uptownplannerssd.org. Once you receive an approval email, you may go to live voting station on date/times noted below. Your name will be on an approved voter list and you may vote simply by showing identification.

I Would Rather Go to Live Voting Station to Complete Eligibility Verification

You may bring items 1 & 2 (*if needed*) or 3 to the live voting station on date/times noted below. Present these items for verification and if approved, you may vote. Note: The voter eligibility process at the live voting station may require additional time at the location.

In-Person Voting Stations:

Joyce Beers Center, 3900 Vermont St, San Diego, CA 92103

June 30, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

July 5, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

July 6, Election Day - Live voting 4:00 pm æ7:30pm close of election.

Ballot counting begins at 7:30pm and results should be announced by 9:00pm. If Uptown Planners Board is meeting on same date, new Board members will be installed immediately following announcement of results.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

ZIP Code: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____,2021

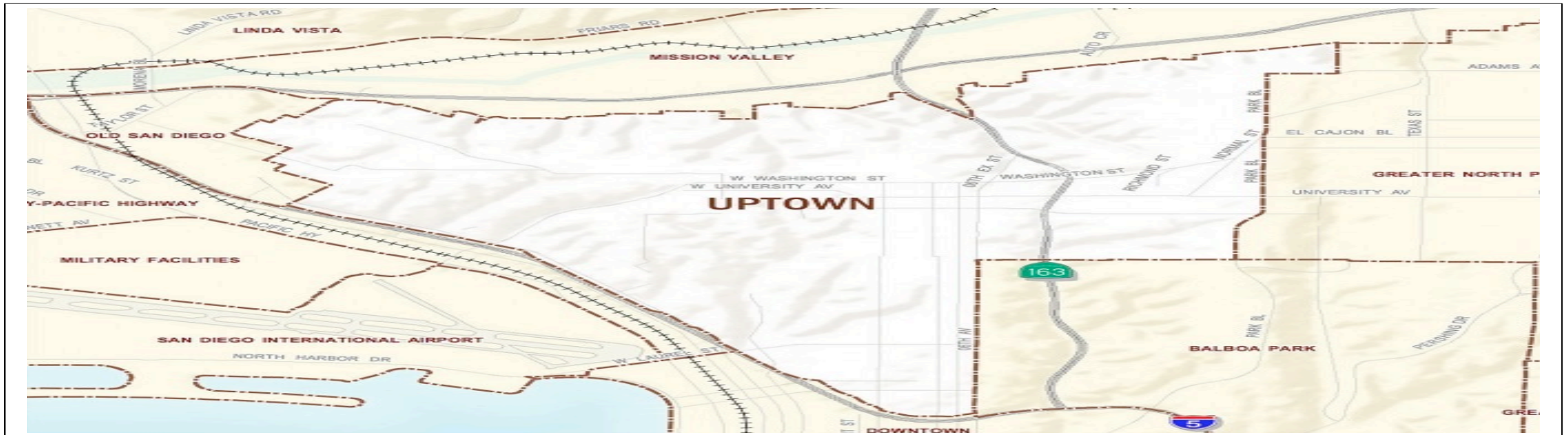
For Committee Use Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____,2021

Meets Eligibility Criteria

YES

NO



Uptown Planners Live Voting Station

- Large table to be set up either inside Joyce Beers meeting facility or just outside of it depending upon safety guidelines.
- Table to be staffed with volunteers and/or Elections Committee members. Elections Committee Chair will be present for all voting during applicable hours/dates.
- Table will be clearly marked with Uptown Planners banner and if possible, large sidewalk marquee sign.
- Table will be equipped with large map for quick eligibility/address verification; pens, disinfectant wipes; paper ballots; single sealed ballot box; and single master list of those voters who opted for online voter eligibility verification.
- At table, 1 person will be tasked with verifying identification of online pre-verified voters from the provided list.
- At table, 1 or more persons will be tasked with onsite voter eligibility verification.

Uptown Planners Live Voting

- At start of each voter session, ballots for that session will be marked with agreed upon color in bottom right corner. Each day will have a different color to allow for tracking ballots received from each day of voting.
- Upon arrival, voters will either be checked off online eligibility verification list OR provide proper identification/residency proof for onsite eligibility verification.
- Once verified, each voter will receive a single ballot and a clean pen. They will then vote for a total of eight (8) candidates on their ballot.
- When finished, voters will place their ballots into the sealed vote box. Their pen will then be returned. All pens will be disinfected as needed and made available for further use.
- At the end of each voting session, Election Committee Chair will maintain ballot box and all remaining unused ballots in a safe/secure location.
- Ballot box will remain fully sealed from start of voting at 3:00pm on June 30, 2021 until conclusion of voting at 7:30pm on July 6, 2021.
- Ballot box will be opened for first time in presence of the entire Election Committee and counting volunteers at 7:30pm on July 6, 2021.

Uptown Planners Vote Counting

- Election Committee (3) and count volunteers (4-5) assemble at 7:30pm on July 6, 2021.
- Ballots will initially be by three different colors on bottom right corner.
- Ballots will be counted using count sheets to be provided.
- Once ballots counted, all count sheets and ballots to be bound together for storage as required by applicable rules/regulations.
- Final results of election to be announced at end of Board meeting and new members to be seated. Alternatively, results immediately posted on website and new members to be seated at next full Board meeting.

2021 Special Uptown Planners Election Candidates

- 1. HELEN ROWE ALLEN – MISSION HILLS
- 2. JOHN BERTSCH – MISSION HILLS
- 3. MARC BIELAS – BANKERS HILL
- 4. GLORIA BRATTICH – MISSION HILLS
- 5. MARY BROWN – MISSION HILLS
- 6. CHRISTOPHER COLE – MIDDLETOWN
- 7. ROY DAHL – HILLCREST
- 8. NEVO MAGNEZI – HILLCREST
- 9. MARY MCKENZIE – HILLCREST
- 10. STUART MCGRAW – UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
- 11. SOHEIL NAKSHAB – MISSION HILLS
- 12. AMANDA NELSON – MISSION HILLS
- 13. LU REHLING – HILLCREST
- 14. ANGELA SILLMON – UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
- 15. OSCAR TAVERA – HILLCREST
- 16. MAT WAHLSTROM – HILLCREST

Case Specific Candidate Eligibility Question

Candidate was appointed to an Uptown seat in September 2015 then elected to seat for a full four (4) year term in 2016. Candidate now seeking re-election to that seat in 2021.

At time of special election, Candidate has six (6) years of uninterrupted service on the Board. Per Article III Section 3 of the applicable Bylaws, the second paragraph states as follows:

In general, no member may serve on the Uptown Planners for more than eight consecutive years, provided that a member may serve more than eight consecutive years by vote of 2/3 of the votes cast by eligible community members. The eight-year limit refers to total maximum consecutive years of service time, not to individual seats held. After a one-year break in service as an Uptown Planners member, an individual who had served for eight consecutive years shall again be eligible for election to the Uptown Planners.

City Administrative Guidelines. In Article III, Section 4 it states (**emphasis added**):

*“If a member has not reached their eight or nine years of service, perhaps because of a midterm appointment or election following a declared vacancy, and is elected to a term that would carry their service beyond eight or nine years, **they may fill the seat only for the balance of their eight- or nine-year service period.**”* Reference document - https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/2019_cow_handbook_4-26-2019.pdf (see page 15 of the Administrative Guidelines (page 96 of the PDF).

With the above in mind, Candidate may run for re-election in the upcoming special election but with knowledge that he/she must vacate that seat in 2023. As there is obviously question of notice to Board or voters, City has indicated that the Board itself must determine how to resolve it.

Election Committee has chosen to notice the full Uptown Planners Board of this issue. No further action will be taken on this issue without full Board discussion/vote.