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3 **BYLAWS OF THE**
4 Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission
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6 **ARTICLE 1. NAME.**
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8 The name of the board is Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission.
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10 **ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE AND DUTIES.**
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12 The purpose of the board is to advise the City Council on issues related to the Asian American
13 Resource Center and will provide on-going guidance and support for the City's Asian American quality
14 of life initiatives.
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16 **ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP.**
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- 18 (A) The board is composed of seven members appointed by the city council.
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20 (B) A member serves at the pleasure of the city council.
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22 (C) Board members serve for a term of three years beginning August 1st on the year of appointment.
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24 (D) An individual board member may not act in an official capacity except through the action of the
25 board.
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27 (E) A board member who is absent for three consecutive regular meetings or one-third of all regular
28 meetings in a “rolling” twelve month timeframe automatically vacates the member’s position
29 subject to the holdover provisions in Section 2-1-27 of the City Code. This does not apply to an
30 absence due to illness or injury of the board member, an illness or injury of a board member’s
31 immediate family member, or the birth or adoption of the board member’s child for 90 days after
32 the event. The board member must notify the staff liaison of the reason for the absence not later
33 than the date of the next regular meeting of the board. Failure to notify the liaison before the next
34 regular meeting of the board will result in an unexcused absence.
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36 (F) At each meeting, each board member shall sign an attendance sheet which indicates that the member
37 does not have a conflict of interest with any item on that agenda, or identifies each agenda item on
38 which the member has a conflict of interest. Failure to sign the sheet results in the member being
39 counted as absent and his/her votes are not counted.
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41 (G) A member who seeks to resign from the board shall submit a written resignation to the chair of the
42 board, the staff liaison, or the city clerk’s office. If possible, the resignation should allow for a
43 thirty day notice so the city council can appoint a replacement.
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45 **ARTICLE 4. OFFICERS.**
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- 47 (A) The officers of the board shall consist of a chair and a vice-chair.

- 1 (B) Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the board at the first regular meeting after
2 October 1st. In the event a current officer becomes ineligible to serve as an officer, the board may
3 hold an emergency election as needed.
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- 5 (C) The term of office shall be one year, beginning November 1st and ending October 31st. An officer
6 may continue to serve until a successor is elected. A person may not serve as an officer in a
7 designated position of a board for more than three consecutive one-year terms. A person who has
8 served as an officer in a designated position of a board for three consecutive terms is not eligible for
9 re-election to that designated office until the expiration of two years after the last date of the
10 person's service in that office. The board may override the term limit provision for an officer by an
11 affirmative vote of two-thirds of the authorized board members.
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- 13 (D) A member may not hold more than one office at a time.
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15 **ARTICLE 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.**

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- 17 (A) The chair shall preside at board meetings, appoint all committees, represent the board at ceremonial
18 functions and approve each final meeting agenda.
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- 20 (B) In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair shall perform all duties of the chair.
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22 **ARTICLE 6. AGENDAS.**

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- 24 (A) Two or more board members may place an item on the agenda by oral or written request to the staff
25 liaison at least five days before the meeting. After first consulting with and receiving input from
26 the staff liaison, the chair shall approve each final meeting agenda.
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- 28 (B) The board liaison shall submit the meeting agenda through the online agenda posting system for
29 each meeting not less than 72 hours before the meeting.
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- 31 (C) Posting of the agenda must comply with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (Texas Open
32 Meetings Act).
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34 **ARTICLE 7. MEETINGS.**

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- 36 (A) The board meetings shall comply with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (Texas Open
37 Meetings Act).
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- 39 (B) Board meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
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- 41 (C) The board may not conduct a closed meeting without the approval of the city attorney.
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- 43 (D) The board shall meet monthly. In November of each year, the board shall adopt a schedule of the
44 meetings for the upcoming year, including makeup meeting dates for the holidays and cancelled
45 meetings.
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- 47 (E) The chair may call a special meeting, and the chair shall call a special meeting if requested by three
48 or more members. The call shall state the purpose of the meeting. A board may not call a meeting

1 in addition to its regular scheduled meetings as identified in its adopted meeting schedule, more
2 often than once a quarter, unless the meeting is required to comply with a statutory deadline or a
3 deadline established by Council.
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5 (F) Four members constitute a quorum.
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7 (G) If a quorum for a meeting does not convene within one-half hour of the posted time for the meeting,
8 then the meeting may not be held.
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10 (H) To be effective, a board action must be adopted by an affirmative vote of the number of members
11 necessary to provide a quorum.
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13 (I) The chair has the same voting privilege as any other member.
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15 (J) The board shall allow citizens to address the board on agenda items and during a period of time set
16 aside for citizen communications. The chair may limit a speaker to three minutes.
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18 (K) The staff liaison shall prepare the board minutes. The minutes of each board meeting must include
19 the vote of each member on each item before the board and indicate whether a member is absent or
20 failed to vote on an item.
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22 (L) The city clerk shall retain agendas, approved minutes, internal review reports and bylaws. The
23 Human Resources Department shall retain all other board documents. The documents are public
24 records under Texas Government Code Chapter 552 (Texas Public Information Act).
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26 (M) The chair shall adjourn a meeting not later than 10 p.m., unless the board votes to continue the
27 meeting.
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29 (N) Each person and board member attending a board meeting should observe decorum pursuant to
30 Section 2-1-48 of the City Code.
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32 **ARTICLE 8. COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS.**

33 COMMITTEES

34 (A) The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission shall have the following committee:
35 Asian American Quality of Life Community Assessment Committee, to provide sustained
36 observation and investigation of the Asian American Quality of Life Study process and report the
37 Committee's findings and recommendations to the Commission, in order to allow the Commission
38 to take informed actions regarding the Study.
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40 (B) Each committee must be established by an affirmative vote of the board. A committee cannot meet
41 until its creation is approved by the Council Audit and Finance Committee. Each committee shall
42 consist of at least three board members appointed by the chair. A staff member shall be assigned to
43 each committee by the Executive Liaison.
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45 (C) The board chair shall appoint a board member as the committee chair, with the member's consent.
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2 (D) A majority of the total number of appointed committee members constitutes a quorum.
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4 (E) Each committee shall meet on a regularly scheduled basis at least quarterly.
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6 (F) Each committee shall make an annual report to the board at the January board meeting.
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8 (G) Committee meetings must be posted in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551
9 (Texas Open Meetings Act).
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11 (H) At each committee meeting, a committee member shall sign in on a sheet provided and shall
12 indicate that the member has no conflict of interest with any item on the committee meeting agenda,
13 or identify each agenda item on which the member has a conflict of interest.
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15 WORKING GROUPS

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17 (A) The board can determine the size of a working group but the number of board members serving on
18 the working group must be less than a quorum of the board.
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20 (B) A working group may designate a chair, with the member's consent, but is not required to do so.
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22 (C) Quorum requirements do not apply to working groups.
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24 (D) Staff support will not be provided for working groups.
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26 (E) Working groups are not required to post their meetings in accordance with the Texas Government
27 Code Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).
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29 **ARTICLE 9. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.**

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31 The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the board in all
32 cases to which they are applicable, except when inconsistent with these bylaws or with special rules of
33 procedure which the board or city council may adopt.
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35 **ARTICLE 10. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.**

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37 A bylaw amendment is not effective unless approved by the Council Audit and Finance Committee.
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40 The bylaws were approved by the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission at their
41 meeting held on June 6, 2014.
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46 *Rey Arellano, Executive Liaison*