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Comments for Public Posting: I am a former Neighborhood Council Board Member that served as President and Vice-President. We struggled to maintain youth representatives due to their academic, pre-college, extracurricular, family, and part-time employment responsibilities. We appointed a second generation cousin that resigned due to the parent's separation. Youth obligations often result in absences and decreased participation and inability to serve. Transportation to meetings is often a problem, Currently there isn't a background check prospective board members to verify if the are registered sex offenders. Youth are often under the age of 18. Some Neighborhood Councils have hostile environments that are not suitable for minors. It isn't possible to mandate youth seats on bylaws as youth cannot remain long term. Seasoned board members should be allowed to remain on the NC if they are assets to the NC and the community. Long term board members with a history of code of conduct and hostile environment incidents should be denied the opportunity to continue. Applicants for youth seats should continue to be decided by an NC board vote.

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Comments for Public Posting: This should not be mandated. Mar Vista added a Youth seat and surprise surprise the seat will be filled by a board member's child. Conflict of interest anyone? Appearance of impropriety? A move to make nc's even more pointless?

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Comments for Public Posting: I am the current president of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council and want to make my statement as a volunteer who devotes so many hours to support the community of Sun Valley. I strongly oppose to this motion! Each neighborhood council (NC) is unique and their bylaws are designed according to the needs of the community the NC represents. While some NCs benefit from having many youth positions, other NCs may not. At times, that seat remains open for many consecutive years. Other times the youth only use the NC for their college application but lack involvement and participation. They depend on their parents to drive them around, so if their parents are busy to take them to the NC's organized events, then they just don't participate. Let each neighborhood council continue to hold the autonomy of their bylaws. With regards to limiting the number of terms a board member can serve in an NC, I OPPOSE strongly. Being a board member for many years is not equivalent to having all the knowledge needed to run the NC, but there are many board members who truly dedicate their time learning how to run properly run a neighborhood council and become very essential members of their NC. SVANC lost two very valuable board members one year apart (during the pandemic) and as a result the NC lost a wealth of knowledge. Let the neighbors continue to elect their community leaders during each NC election time. Neighborhood Councils are the voice of the community!