

Resolution to Temporarily Modify Cathedral Bylaws under a Declaration of Extraordinary Circumstances

WHEREAS, when the Bishop and Executive Council promulgate a Declaration of Extraordinary Circumstances as that term is defined in Title V, Canon 1.10.1 of the Canons of the Diocese, the Vestry or Chapter, with the Consent of the Rector or Dean, may implement temporary modifications to these Bylaws; and

WHEREAS those modifications may include allowing an annual meeting to be held virtually (rather than in person), and modifications to the methods of voting on parish business and the election of vestry, officers and delegates, Such provisions being enumerated and included in the Minutes of the Vestry/Chapter meeting at which they were adopted; and

WHEREAS a Declaration of Extraordinary Circumstances is currently in effect and is expected to remain in effect until well into 2021;

THEREFORE the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Paul resolves that the following temporary changes will apply to the Bylaws of St. Paul's Cathedral:

Item 3.02 c) is replaced as follows: **and would have received Communion regularly had they not been prevented by the pandemic and who otherwise qualify as voting members may vote.**

Item 3.05 is modified as follows: The presence in person or online (in the case of a virtual meeting conducted via video conference) of not less than **fifty (50)** Members of the Cathedral qualified to vote, or a majority of such Members, if a majority be less than **fifty (50)** such Members, shall be required to constitute a quorum in any meeting of the Members of the Cathedral.

Section 3:06 is modified as follows: Voting may be by voice or by ballot, in person or by USPS mail. Any ten (10) Members of the Cathedral who are qualified to vote may call for a secret ballot. ~~Voting by proxy, absentee ballot, or electronic transmission (Cal. Corp. Code §§ 20 and 21), and cumulative voting, shall not be allowed.~~ Contested elections, whether of Chapter or otherwise, shall be by secret ballot. When the number of candidates for Chapter is the same as the number of Chapter vacancies, the vote may be by acclamation. In the event of a tied result of a contested election conducted by mail ballot, the Dean is authorized to draw straws during the annual meeting in order to determine a result. Nominations from the floor are not permitted. All questions and elections shall be decided by the majority vote of the qualified Members of the Cathedral present and voting.

These changes shall be reversed when the Declaration of Extraordinary Circumstances is revoked by the Bishop and Executive Council.

Approved by Chapter on December 1, 2020

Signatures:

Dean Penelope M Bridges

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