

Bylaws of East Bay for Everyone



Title I - Name

This organization's name is East Bay for Everyone, alternatively written in initial form as EB4E.

Title II - Direction

Section 1 - Purpose

We believe that housing is a human right, and every tool at our disposal must be employed to secure it for the people of the East Bay. Ours is an inclusive vision of welcoming all new and potential residents.

Section 2 - Mission

East Bay for Everyone is an anti-racist organization of organizers, leaders, density advocates, bicyclists, transit riders, pedestrians, urbanists, and people from countless other walks of life who believe that cities are our future. We are organized to secure housing as a human right by way of prioritizing our natural resources, maximizing urban density, defending and improving public transit, building more housing as infrastructure instead of investment, and protecting existing residents from displacement.

We must organize our communities, make our case in the media, write to legislators, support projects at hearings, sue to enforce housing law, support pro-housing candidates, and vote for more housing.

Section 3 - Limitations on activities

The activities of the Organization shall be performed in service to and with guidance of the community of participants. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Code.

Title III - Organization

Section 1 - Structure

1. The Organization shall have a Board of Stewards.
 - a. The Board consists of five to fifteen members.

- b. Each member shall be appointed by the Board of Stewards and serve for a term of approximately one year.
 - c. Vacancies may be appointed by the Board. An appointee's term expires at the next election of the Board.
2. The Organization shall have four officers.
 - a. The Secretary
 - b. The Treasurer
 - c. Two Co-Executives

Section 2 - Officers

1. The Secretary shall
 - a. Keep or cause to be kept the meeting minutes, organizational records, membership roster, legal filings, or other such records as warranted.
2. The Treasurer shall
 - a. Keep or cause to be kept the financial records of the Organization
 - b. Be entrusted with the power of expenditure and raising funds.
3. The Co-Executives shall
 - a. Be the general managers of the Organization.
 - b. Provide oversight and day-to-day management of the Organization, each other, and all officers of the Organization between meetings of the Board of Stewards.
 - c. Determine amongst themselves the appointment of a President when required, for any purpose as warranted by California State or Federal law.
4. The Board of Stewards shall appoint additional officers as warranted, with such appointments providing for the duration of term, responsibilities, powers, and other relevant and necessary details as desired by the Board.
5. An officer shall be removed from their position upon a two-thirds vote of the Board of Stewards.
6. An officer may resign at any time by providing written notice to the Secretary. Such resignation is effective 14 days from receipt of the aforementioned notice unless otherwise provided for in the officer's notice.

Section 3 - Board of Stewards

1. The Board of Stewards is ultimately responsible for oversight over the Organization and is entrusted with the corporate powers, if any, as provided for by California State Law.
2. The Board shall provide management and operation of the Organization.
3. Board Decisions shall be made using a 50%+1 simple majority threshold.

Section 4 - Meetings of the Board of Stewards

1. The Board of Stewards shall meet quarterly for the consideration of matters related to the operations of the Organization.
2. Meetings of the Board are open to participation by all contributors, organizers, members, and interested parties of the Organization.

3. 50%+1 of the Board members present at the Meeting shall be considered a quorum of the Board.
4. Notice of the meeting with the date and time must be given to the membership and Board at least fourteen days in advance, unless the date and time are with such predictable regularity that no notice can be reasonably considered necessary.
5. Special meetings of the Board of Stewards may be convened by both co-executives or a majority vote of the Board of Stewards, with notice to the Secretary of the organization.

Title IV - Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3rds vote of the Board of Stewards.

Title V - Democratic Governance

It is the intent of the Organization to transition to a democratically governed membership based structure with free and fair elections of the Board of Stewards. Prior to the implementation of such a structure, these Bylaws must be amended by replacing this title with the particulars of membership, and by adding additional titles regarding elections of the Board of Stewards, membership meetings, voting rights, and other such details as warranted.

Title VI - Advisory Board

It is the intent of the Organization to explore the idea of creating an Advisory Board within these bylaws. Prior to the implementation of such a board, these Bylaws must be amended by replacing this title with the particulars of its structure, powers, responsibilities, and other such details as warranted.

Title VII - Provisional

These bylaws are provisional, and must be reconsidered by June 2018.