

D6NLG Guidelines

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The District 6 Neighborhood Leaders Group (D6NLG) is an association comprised of officers and boardmembers, their delegates, and involved community members from the various neighborhoods, neighborhood associations, homeowner associations (HOAs), business district associations, and other local organizations across Council District 6 in San José.

Each individual, association, and organization remains independent to express its own position.

We work with the District 6 Councilmember and City Staff, but are independent of the Council and the City.

Purpose

The D6NLG exists to share information and discuss topics of community interest, develop position papers, share resources, take common actions, and make recommendations to elected officials and others to improve our neighborhoods, business districts, schools, and community so that San José can become an even more safe, sustainable, attractive, and inviting city.

Topics of discussion include, but are not limited to:

City, County, District, and State policies, planning, land uses, or other actions that might affect neighborhoods, businesses, schools, libraries, parks, trails, community centers, public safety and welfare, environmental sustainability, historic preservation, or any other quality-of-life matters in one or more neighborhoods or organizations in San José Council District 6.

Individual neighborhoods or organizations that are affected by local projects, policies, or issues make their own decisions or recommendations on those matters, but are welcome to share information with the D6NLG. Other neighborhoods and organizations are invited to be supportive, even if not directly affected.

Structure

- The D6NLG represents the community entities -- neighborhood associations, business districts, and other local organizations -- of District 6. Each entity can have one or more members participate on its behalf.
- The D6NLG is non-partisan and does NOT endorse or oppose political candidates or political parties. We actively support inclusion, diversity, and nondiscrimination.
- Meetings: regular meetings are at least quarterly but not more than monthly, as announced at the preceding meeting and by group email at least 72 hours in advance. Special meetings can be called with 72-hour group-email notice by the Chair or by 6 members representing at least 4 distinct entities.
- To take official action, a quorum is required consisting of at least 6 members in attendance (not counting guests, representatives for elected officials, or invited speakers) from at least 4 distinct entities, each of whom has qualified by having participated in at least two of the preceding four meetings. If a qualified member is unable to participate, they may designate an alternate to vote in their stead with 24-hour advance notification to the Chair. Official action requires a

consensus by at least 2/3rds of the qualified attendees present (excluding guests et al) AND 2/3rds of the represented entities present.

- The D6NLG selects a Chair and a Vice Chair by official action for a one-year term starting July 1st. The Chair and Vice Chair are each limited to four consecutive terms.
- The D6NLG Chair or its delegate speaks on behalf of the D6NLG. Individual members can express their individual free speech rights but are prohibited from acting in name of D6NLG.
- The Chair (or their delegate) signs letters, endorses positions, and speaks publicly on behalf of the D6NLG on matters approved by official action. The Chair (or their delegate) will not speak on behalf of the D6NLG on matters contrary to positions by official action. On other matters, the Chair shall avoid representing D6NLG positions unless expeditious action is required, in which case coordination with the Vice Chair is encouraged, and a report by the Chair via group email within 48 hours is required.

Membership Application Information

District 6 Leaders and other interested individuals can request to join D6NLG by emailing their name, title and association (if applicable), email address and phone number to: SJDist6LG+owner@groups.io
Please include "Join D6NLG" in the subject line.