




Voting Instructions, March 2013

1. Review the attached Articles changes.
2. Fill out the Ballot Certification form, the second page of this document. This will be separated from your ballot in order to certify that you are a member in good standing. (If you do not know your member number, send email to membership@theexiles.org)
3. Fill out the ballot by clicking the box next to the candidates you wish to vote for, or fill in a write-in. For the Articles change, click Yes or No. Note that the details of the Articles change are on the last page.
4. Decide how you will submit your ballot:
 - a. *If you will vote online*, do the following:
 - i. Save the ballot file by clicking the Save button () in Acrobat Reader.
 - ii. Remember what you name the file and where it is, and save it.
 - iii. Open your email and compose a new message to membership@theexiles.org
 - iv. Put "Ballot" in the subject field.
 - v. Attach the saved ballot file to the email.
 - vi. Send the email.

If you have any problems with this, either email marilyn@marilynj.com for assistance, or feel free to send the paper ballot, as described below.

Your email must be received by 5pm on Wednesday, March 13th.

- b. *If you will vote by paper ballot*, print out the ballot and mail it to:

The Exiles
PO Box 14338
San Francisco, CA 94114

The ballot must be received no later than Wednesday, March 13th, so be sure you mail it early enough to be received on time.



Ballot Certification, March 2013

This page will be removed from your ballot before the ballot is viewed or counted, to allow anonymity.

Your Member Number:

(required, contact membership@theexiles.org if you don't know it):

YOU MUST ALSO ENTER YOUR MEMBER NUMBER ON THE TOP OF THE BALLOT TO ALLOW FOR HANDLING AT THE PROGRAM.

Your Legal Name

Member Number

(will be removed before ballots are reviewed):

**Election Ballot, March 2013****OFFICERS**

Vote for one person for each office

Co-Coordinator		Treasurer	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rio	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in Candidate: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in Candidate: _____
Membership Officer		Recorder	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ramsey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in Candidate: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in Candidate: _____

ARTICLES CHANGE:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Require that <u>2/3 of the Steering Committee must actually vote</u> to make any vote of the Steering Committee valid. <i>(See the next page for details.)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Proposal for an Articles Change

The item to be voted on is regarding a quorum needed for Steering Committee votes. The Steering Committee is the officers of the Exiles. This is different from the biz group, whose voting members consists of anyone who has attended 2 of the last 4 meetings, which generally includes most of the officers. There are a few places in the Articles that specifically call for a vote of the Steering Committee. The proposed change affects all of them. The change is shown in **bold** below.

1) Revoking membership:

“Any member may present a possible cause of revocation in writing to the Steering Committee. At a special meeting called within fourteen days notice and attended only by the Steering Committee, the parties, and any witnesses either party may bring, both members will be heard. The Steering Committee will ask questions and discuss the facts presented. Witnesses will be heard and questioned. At the end of discussion, both parties involved shall leave. All Steering Committee members who have heard the discussion are eligible to vote, and two thirds of them must vote to revoke. **At least two-thirds of the Steering Committee must participate in the vote in order for it to be valid.**”

2) Removing an officer from office:

“If an officer fails to perform their required duties they may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the remaining Steering Committee members. **At least two-thirds of the Steering Committee must participate in the vote in order for it to be valid.** Note that removal from office in this manner does not affect the membership status of the officer.”

3) Disbanding the Exiles:

“The Exiles shall cease doing business upon completion of the following:

- Two thirds of the sitting Steering Committee shall vote to bring the question to the membership. **At least two-thirds of the Steering Committee must participate in the vote in order for it to be valid.**”

None of these specifies the minimum number of officers who must actually cast votes, which is the motivation behind adding this language.