

# **Voting Instructions, March 2015**

1. IF YOU WANT TO VOTE ONLINE, ignore this ballot and go to this link:

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Continue here only if you want to fill out and mail in a paper ballot.

- 2. Print out the ballot.
- 3. Review the attached Articles changes.
- 4. 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. (Your member number is on your membership card. If you do not have your card, and do not know your number, send email to <a href="membership@theexiles.org">membership@theexiles.org</a>)
- 5. Fill out the ballot by checking the box next to the candidates you wish to vote for, or fill in a write-in. For the Articles change, select Yes or No.
- 6. Mail ONLY pages 2, 3, and 4 of this document to:

The Exiles PO Box 14338 San Francisco, CA 94114

The ballot must be <u>received</u> no later than Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, so be sure you mail it early enough to be received on time.



# **Ballot Certification, March 2017**

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

Your Member Number: (required, contact <a href="mailto:membership@theexiles.org">membership@theexiles.org</a> if you don't know it):						
	Your Scene Name or Legal Name					



# **Election Ballot, March 2017**

OFFICERS
Vote for one person for each office

Co-Coordinator #1 (1-year term)		Co-Coordinator #2 (2-year term)	
	Pat		Marilyn
	Write-in Candidate:		Write-in Candidate:
	None of the Above		None of the Above
Membership Officer		Recorder	
	Meryl		Judith
	Write-in Candidate:		Write-in Candidate:
	None of the Above		None of the Above
Treasurer			
No candidate.			
Marilyn will continue to act in the Treasurer role until the Business Group appoints a replacement.			

# **ARTICLES CHANGE:**

□ No

This change affects a section of the Articles that currently covers the process for revoking Exiles membership. The proposed change is to adapt that section so that it also addresses denying membership.

## **CURRENT ARTICLE**

## D. REVOKING MEMBERSHIP

Membership may be revoked for cause. Cause includes but is not limited to:

- Violation of confidentiality revealing the identity, name, address or phone number of a member to a nonmember; revealing confidential information about a member to anyone; using information provided to the organization by a member for other than official business.
- Disruptiveness behavior that consistently impairs the orderly functioning of the organization at a business meeting or any Exiles event; behavior that interferes with the enjoyment of an event by others present.
- Unsafe behavior behavior that presents a threat to the safety or well-being of others.
- Unauthorized representation or misrepresentation No one shall speak for The Exiles or act as an official representative unless they hold the appropriate office or have been expressly authorized to do so.
- Theft or misappropriation of Exiles resources.
- Failure to abide by these Articles and Policies unwillingness to adhere to the principles and procedures of this organization.

Any member may present a possible cause of revocation in writing to the Steering Committee. At a special meeting called with 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. A quorum of two thirds of the Steering Committee must be present for a valid vote to occur, and two thirds of them must vote to revoke.

If a Steering Committee member is one of the parties involved, they will not vote, nor be present when the vote is taken.

If a person who is being considered for membership revocation refuses to participate in the special meeting or respond to the allegations being brought against them, then the Steering Committee shall vote based on the facts and testimony it has at its disposal.

A person whose membership has been revoked shall not be admitted as a guest to any Exiles function nor rejoin the Exiles as a member for a period of 3 years from the date of the revocation. After 3 years the person may apply to have the ban lifted, by contacting the co-coordinators and, through them, make arrangements to attend a business meeting with their request.

### **REVISION**

#### D. DENYING OR REVOKING MEMBERSHIP

Membership may be denied, or membership revoked, for cause. Causes include but are not limited to:

- Disruptiveness behavior that consistently impairs the orderly functioning of the organization at a business meeting or any Exiles event; behavior that interferes with the enjoyment of an event by others present.
- Unsafe behavior behavior that presents a threat to the safety or well-being of others.
- Unauthorized representation or misrepresentation No one shall speak for The Exiles or act as an
  official representative unless they hold the appropriate office or have been expressly authorized to
  do so.

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- Violation of confidentiality revealing confidential information about a member to anyone or using information provided to the organization for other than official business.
- Theft or misappropriation of Exiles resources.
- Failure to abide by these Articles and Policies unwillingness to adhere to the principles and procedures of this organization.

Behavior described above may also result in immediate expulsion from any Exiles event by any two elected or appointed officers who witness such behavior.

Any member may present a possible cause of denial or revocation in writing to the Steering Committee. At a special meeting called with fourteen days' notice and attended only by the Steering Committee, the parties, and any witnesses either party may bring, 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. A quorum of two thirds of the Steering Committee must be present for a valid vote to occur, and two thirds of them must vote to revoke or deny.

If a Steering Committee member is one of the parties involved, they will not vote, nor be present when the vote is taken.

If a person who is being considered for membership revocation or denial refuses to participate in the special meeting or respond to the allegations being brought against them, then the Steering Committee shall vote based on the facts and testimony it has at its disposal.

A person whose membership has been denied or revoked shall not be admitted as a guest to any Exiles function nor join the Exiles as a member for a period of 3 years from the date of the revocation or denial. After 3 years the person may apply to have the ban lifted by contacting the Co-coordinators and, through them, make arrangements to attend a business meeting with their request.