ARTICLE 1
Name, Purpose and Goals

Section 1: Name. This organization, as established on December 8, 1985, shall be known as the Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials (APAMO) of the National League of Cities.

Section 2: (A) Purpose and Goals. The Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials is a voluntary association of Asian Pacific American local elected officials and key appointed officials, not necessarily Asian Pacific Americans, formed within the National League of Cities to encourage the active involvement and full participation of Asian Pacific American officials in the organization and policy-making process and programs of the National League of Cities and state municipal leagues.

(B) In carrying out this mission, APAMO shall strive to coordinate its activities and programs in such a manner so as not to detract from those statements contained in above Section (A).

(C) Serve as a primary resource to the National League of Cities in identifying and providing the names, qualifications and expertise and interests of Asian Pacific American municipal officials eligible for the National League of Cities and other nationally appointed positions.

(D) Establish liaisons with other national, state or local organizations to include community and neighborhood groups concerned with Asian Pacific American issues and promote issues of interest for Asian Pacific Americans to the National League of Cities and other municipal governments.

Article II
Membership

Section 1: The Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials shall consist of the following categories of membership: voting and supporting.
(A) Voting Members. Any Asian Pacific American elected official or key appointed elected official (appointed by Mayor and confirmed by Council) representing a member city of the National League of Cities or a state municipal league is eligible to be a voting member.

(B) Supporting Members. Any Asian Pacific American elected or appointed official of a non NLC or SML member city. Any other individual, entity, or organization that supports the goals of APAMO. Supporting members are not eligible to vote on any matter being considered by APAMO.

Article III
Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1: Officers. The officers of the Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and the immediate past president. The term of office shall be one year for officers.

Section 2: Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the five officers and ten Board members. The term of office shall be two years for at large Board members.

Section 3: Executive Committee. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the Officers as described in Article III, Section 1, for the purpose of carrying out the directives of the Board of Directors. Four affirmative votes of the Executive Committee are needed to approve business actions.

Section 4: Qualifications. Each officer and board member shall, at the time of their election, be an official of a member city of the National League of Cities, and a voting member of the Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials.

Section 5: Elections. The election of officers and Board members shall be held at the NLC Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. every year for the officers and annually for staggered terms of five Board members. The vote shall be by secret ballot or held openly at the APAMO Business Meeting.

Section 6: Nominations. The immediate past president will chair the nominating committee along with at least two other voting members appointed by the current president. Nominations must be submitted by the committee thirty days prior to the Annual Business Meeting scheduled at the Congressional City Conference. The nominations will be circulated to all members prior to the Conference.

Section 7: Vacancies. Board vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote upon nominations being presented at the Board meeting. If the president is unable to serve, the
vice president automatically becomes president. At the next Board meeting, a new vice president will be elected by majority vote. If the treasurer or secretary positions become vacant, the president shall appoint an acting treasurer or secretary until the next Board meeting, at which time a new treasurer or secretary will be elected by majority vote.

Section 8: Removal from office. If a Board member or officer has two unexcused absences, the Board can remove that individual by majority vote.

Section 9: Voting. If a board member is unable to be present at a meeting, they may give the APAMO President or Vice President a proxy to vote on their behalf or they may vote electronically.

**Article IV**  
Committees

Section 1: Standing Committees

- Membership
- Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations
- Human Development
- Transportation and Communications
- Community and Economic Development
- Energy, Environment and Natural Resources
- Nominations
- Executive

Section 2: Duties and Responsibilities. Committee chairs shall report to the Board at annual meetings about the activities assigned to their committees and carry out the work programs of the committee. The committee can present studies, conduct workshops at NLC Executive Board meetings on matters affecting the interest of APAMO.

**Article V**  
NLC Support

Section 1: The National League of Cities will provide staffing and services to support the activities of Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials to the extent allowable based on the availability of resources and the constraints of other organizational priorities.

Section 2: NLC will produce and disseminate information regularly via its website containing items of particular interest to the members of APAMO. This publication will also contain information from other NLC constituency groups.
Section 3: NLC will provide staff support to APAMO in developing and coordinating APAMO activities during City Summit and Congressional City Conference (CCC). NLC will provide meeting space for such activities.

Section 4: At each of the City Summit and CCC meetings, NLC will meet with the leadership of APAMO for the purpose of discussing issues of concern and a work plan for the year.

Section 5: NLC will produce and disseminate, bi-annually, a directory of minority elected local officials.

Article VI
Annual Work Plan

Section 1: To the extent that APAMO plans to engage in activities other than what has been reference above, and that may require the assistance and/or support of NLC, such plans shall be identified in a written document and submitted to NLC for review and comment. Such activities will be a part of the discussions held annually with the leadership of APAMO.

Section 2: APAMO may only use the name of NLC in conjunction with the types of activities described within these bylaws. Should APAMO engage in other activities for which a public statement of endorsement, support, or acquiescence of NLC is desired, implied or intended, the explicit written consent of NLC shall be required.

Article VII
Financial Support

Section 1: Dues. APAMO can establish dues for its members in order to support activities which are not provided by NLC staff support arrangements. The treasurer shall head a fundraising effort, if necessary, to secure funding for APAMO activities.

These bylaws were approved and adopted by the membership of Asian Pacific American local elected officials at the National League of Cities’ Congressional City Conference, Washington, DC, March 11, 2018.

Polly Low, Mayor, Rosemead, California
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