

PROPOSITION 2026-1
Constitutional Amendment No. 1
Staggered Board Elections

WHEREAS Gujarati Samaj of the Capital District Inc. (the “ORGANIZATION”) is a duly incorporated not-for-profit corporation recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the ORGANIZATION, adopted July 26, 2021 (the “CONSTITUTION”), currently provides that (1) elections are held on the third Saturday of November, with the first Saturday of December as the alternate date, and (2) all nine (9) positions of the Board of Directors (“BOD”) are elected together every two (2) years for two-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the BOD has determined that holding elections on the date of the annual dinner and dividing the nine (9) positions into two groups elected in alternating years will promote continuity of governance, protect organizational knowledge, ensure effective leadership transition, and reduce the cost of mail-in ballot elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the General Body shall vote on the following proposition during the 2026 election at the annual dinner on December 5, 2026:

1. Language to be replaced

Article V, Section 2 of the CONSTITUTION, which currently reads:

An election shall be on the third Saturday of November each year (e.g. 2020, 2022, 2024 etc.). The first Saturday of December shall be the backup date for election in case the election cannot be held on the date of first choice due to circumstances beyond the control of the GSCD. BOD shall announce the specific date, time, and place of the GB meeting at least twelve weeks prior to the election date.

is hereby deleted in its entirety.

2. Language to be added

Article V, Section 2 is replaced with:

(a) Election date. An election shall be held annually on the date of the Annual Dinner, as established by the BOD. If the Annual Dinner is cancelled or postponed, the election shall be held on the first Saturday of December.

(b) The BOD shall announce the election date, time, and location by September 1 of the election year.

(c) Staggered election. The nine (9) BOD positions are divided into two groups, listed alphabetically by last name, then first name.

- **Group-1:** first four members listed from the list, elected in even-numbered years beginning in 2028.
- **Group-2:** last five members listed from the list, elected in odd-numbered years beginning in 2029.

This alternating system is the “STAGGERED ELECTION.”

(d) Term. Each elected director serves a term of two (2) years, beginning upon certification of election results and continuing until a successor is elected and certified.

(e) Transition (one-time). The 2026 election shall elect all nine (9) positions. Following that election, the newly elected BOD shall assign board of directors to Group-1 and Group-2 as determined by section (c). Group-1 directors shall serve a term ending at the 2028 election. Group-2 directors shall serve a term ending at the 2029 election. Thereafter, each group shall serve two-year terms as provided in subsection (c).

3. Effective Date

This Amendment takes effect upon approval by the vote of the membership required under the CONSTITUTION, following notice of the vote by email, and supersedes all prior election-cycle provisions.

4. Remaining Provisions

All provisions of the CONSTITUTION not expressly modified by this Amendment remain in full force and effect.