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| 1. **NAME** of the resource / tool | **Best Start Southeast LA Partnership Member Pledge Form** |
| 1. **WHAT** is the purpose of the resource / tool? | This document is used to outline and confirm eligibility to become a voting Partnership member, and also gather demographic data regarding active members/meeting attendees. |
| 1. **WHO** developed the resource / tool? (If it was adapted from an existing document, please include a citation for the original source.) | This pledge form was developed for Best Start Southeast LA based on bylaws established via member discussion and formal approval processes. |
| 1. **HOW** should the resource / tool be used? 2. *What circumstances are ideal/appropriate?* 3. *By whom and when?* 4. *Is a particular skill set or special preparation needed?* | These sample bylaws can used as a reference for explaining and confirming member eligibility requirements in a way that is easy to understand and community-friendly. |
| 1. **WHY** is this resource being recommended? (What makes is especially effective or useful for community-based work?) | Member requirements are usually outlines in bylaws, but can be difficult to explain or track using a lengthy, detailed document. This pledge form can help simplify the explanation of eligibility requirements and also serve as a tool for gathering important information about who is participating in meetings/activities. (Is the partnership engaging its target audience?) |

**Community Partnership**

**Membership Pledge**

*“****Community Partnership Members must live, work or volunteer in the Best Start Community.”***

*Check all**the statements that apply to you.*

* I live in the community.
* I work in the community.
* I volunteer in the community.
* I don’t live or work in this community. I understand I can participate but cannot vote.

***“People can join the Best Start SELA Community Partnership after they have received an orientation.”***

*Check* *the statement that applies to you.*

* I have atended a Best Start orientation.
* I have not atended an orientation but I will attend one before the next Community Partnership meeting.

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***“To vote members must have attended 5 Best Start SELA Community Partnership meetings in the last 7 months”***

*Please write down how many meetings you have attended.*

Including today, I have attended \_\_\_\_\_ Best Start Community Partnership meetings.

* I can vote
* I cannot vote yet

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***“All members should identify which group they will represent at the meetings.****”*

*Check the statement that applies to you.*

* I am a parent of a child that is 0 a 5 yrs old
* I am a parent of a child that is 6 a 18 yrs old
* I am a community resident
* I represent an organization. Organization’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***“Para convertirse en un miembro tiene que cumplir con los requisitos de asistencia, hacer un compromiso formal, y ser un apasionado sobre Best Start.”***

*Please initial each statement:*

\_\_\_\_ I will attend a minimum of 80% of Community Partnership meetings (10 of 12 per year).

\_\_\_\_ This *pledge* represents my formal committment to Best Start SELA.

\_\_\_\_ I will be passionate about Best Start.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***“All members should identify the community they belong to within the Best Start SELA boundaries****.”*

*Check the option that applies to you.*

* Bell
* Bell Gardens
* Commerce
* Cudahy
* Huntington Park
* Maywood
* Walnut Park
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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