The Empowered Community has nine powers to ensure the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Board and organization are accountable:

- **WHAT ARE THE EMPOWERED COMMUNITY POWERS?**

  - **RECALL**
    - Recall the entire ICANN Board
  - **APPOINT AND REMOVE**
    - Appoint and remove individual ICANN Board directors (other than the President)
  - **RE-REVIEW**
    - Require the ICANN Board to re-review its rejection of recommendations from reviews relating to PTI
  - **REJECT**
    - Reject ICANN Budgets, Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Budgets, Operating Plans and Strategic Plans
    - Reject Standard Bylaw Amendments
    - Reject Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Governance Actions
    - Require the ICANN Board to re-review its rejection of recommendations from reviews relating to PTI
  - **APPROVE**
    - Approve Fundamental Bylaw Amendments, Articles Amendments and Asset Sales
  - **Initiate a Community Reconsideration Request, mediation or a Community Independent Review Process**
  - **The rights of inspection and investigation**
HOW DOES THE EMPOWERED COMMUNITY USE THEIR POWERS?

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Who can participate in the Empowered Community?
All of ICANN’s SOs, as well as the At-Large and Governmental ACs, can participate in the Empowered Community including: the Generic Names Supporting Organization, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization, the Address Supporting Organization, the Governmental Advisory Committee and the At-Large Advisory Committee.

Seven Core Steps in the Escalation Process

1. A petition is initiated in a SO or AC
2. The petition is accepted by the SO or AC
3. The petition is supported by other SOs or ACs participating in the Empowered Community
4. A conference call is held with the ICANN Board to discuss the petition
5. A community forum is held with the ICANN Board to discuss the petition
6. The Empowered Community establishes if it wishes to use a community power
7. The Empowered Community advises the ICANN Board of its decision

Escalation of a concern can be stopped at any point if a threshold is not met or if a solution is found.

The Empowered Community has a process to raise concerns with an action or inaction made by the ICANN Board or organization. This escalation process gives ICANN’s Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) opportunities to discuss solutions with the ICANN Board.