



Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Margaret Molloy

Neighborhood Council: Venice Neighborhood Council

Grievance Number: 100

Violation Alleged: Neighborhood Council Bylaw and any other City code, executive directive, rule or regulation applicable to Neighborhood Councils.

Date of Viewing: July 17, 2017

The Department shall review a Grievance within seven calendar days of submission to determine whether the Grievance conforms to the Grievance Policy. Upon a determination that a Grievance conforms to the Policy, the Department shall certify the Grievance for disposition and notify the affected Neighborhood Council that the Grievance may proceed through the Grievance process established herein. The certification of a Grievance by the Department shall not be construed as a statement regarding the validity or invalidity of the Grievance.

This Grievance was reviewed by:

- 1). Jasmine Duckworth
- 2). Lorenzo Briceño

After further review of Grievance #100 and the supporting documentation, the Department has determined that the Grievance was sent to the Regional Grievance Panel in error. The allegations contained in the Grievance relate to the Venice Neighborhood Council Committees, not the Venice Neighborhood Council board. According to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's Grievance Policy, a Grievance consists of any allegation against a Neighborhood Council board, as a body. The Grievance process shall not be applicable to an allegation involving an action or inaction by a Neighborhood Council committee, or, a policy dispute, or disagreement regarding the position of a Neighborhood Council board or committee. Because this Grievance was sent in error, the Department will not reconvene a Grievance Panel Hearing relative to Grievance #100.

Although a Brown Act challenge was raised in relation to the erroneously called Regional Grievance Panel, the fact that the Regional Grievance Panel was erroneously called makes the alleged Brown Act violations moot and no further action will be taken regarding the alleged Brown Act violations.