



Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Charles Fleming

Neighborhood Council: Reseda Neighborhood Council

Grievance Number: 190

Violation Alleged: Neighborhood Council Bylaw

Date of Viewing: July 24, 2019

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). Lorenzo Briceño

The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law. In this case, the grievance alleges a violation of the Neighborhood Council Bylaw, which is, an appropriate matter to be resolved under the Neighborhood Council Grievance Process. However, after further review, the following has been confirmed:

On June 17, 2019 Reseda NC held their first general Board meeting following the Neighborhood Council elections. Per the RNC Bylaws Article VI Officers, Section 3: Selection of Officers - Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board at the first general meeting during which the seating of the newly elected Board members occurs.

At this meeting, the Department assisted in seating the newly elected Board members and shortly thereafter conducted the election of new Board Officers. At the time the election began, twelve (12) Board members were present. Board members Priscilla Anchondo and Sarah Williams were nominated for the President position and both accepted the nomination. Our records show that Priscilla received five (5) votes and Sarah received six (6) votes, there was one (1) abstention. Bringing the total number of Board members present and voting to twelve (12) Board members. The vote count declared Sarah Williams as the new Board President. A thirteenth (13) Board member arrived after the election for President was confirmed. He arrived at 7:26pm. Your grievance claims that Nicole Chonder and Connor Vasallo casted ineligible votes because they had yet to satisfy the training requirements to be able to cast an eligible vote. After a diligent search through our records, we found that both Nicole and Connor had completed all their required trainings prior to casting their vote. Connor completed his Ethics, Funding, and Code of Conduct trainings on 02/27/19.

Nicole, Youth Representative, completed her Ethics and Code of Conduct training on 03/03/19. Minors are able to vote on non-funding related matters after completing their Code of Conduct training.

Accordingly, this grievance is dismissed and will not be forwarded to the Reseda Neighborhood Council for further action.