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### Grievance Determination

**Grievant's Name:** Richard Marquez

**Neighborhood Council:** Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

**Grievance Number:** 214

**Violation Alleged:** Neighborhood Council Bylaw; Any other City code, executive directive, rule or regulation applicable to the Neighborhood Councils, Department Policy, Los Angeles Administrative Code, Plan for the Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy

**Date of Viewing:** March 3, 2020

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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.

Dear Mr. Marquez:

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 wrongdoing against an individual(s), as well as concerns pertaining to State or Federal law which is, not an appropriate matter to be resolved under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process. Accordingly, this grievance is dismissed and will not be forwarded to the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council for further action.

For any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact John Darnell @ [john.darnell@lacity.org](mailto:john.darnell@lacity.org)