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Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Peter Clune

Neighborhood Council: Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

Grievance Number: 223

Violation Alleged: Neighborhood Council Bylaw; Any other City code, executive directive, rule or regulation applicable to Neighborhood Councils

Date of Viewing: March 9, 2020

The Department shall review a Grievance 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. Clune:

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 process shall not be applicable to an allegation involving an alleged grievance with an unknown date. The department understands that the alleged violation was discovered on February 12, 2020, and as a result, the grievance was filed. However, in order to conform to it policies, the department will not process this grievance as the actual date of the alleged violation is unknown. Accordingly, this grievance is dismissed and will not be forwarded to the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council for further action.

The Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst for the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council has been made aware of the situation and will communicate your concerns to the President and will work with the board to ensure that all future appointments to the board are done accordingly as outlined in Article V, Section 6 (Vacancies) of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council bylaws.