



Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Laddie Williams

Neighborhood Council: Venice Neighborhood Council

Grievance Number: 224

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

Date of Viewing: March 23, 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, Ms. Williams:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Venice Neighborhood Council on March 17, 2020. 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 your grievance, you stated that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) allegedly violated an executive order because the VNC held a public meeting on March 13, 2020, when the order from the Mayor was to cancel all public meetings and that the VNC held the meeting after the order was given. The Department looked into the matter and worked with the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, (NEA) to verify the alleged violations and found that there was no meeting that occurred and no agenda was sent to the Department's Early Notification System, (ENS) or posted.

As mentioned above, the Department found that there was no meeting that occurred. Accordingly, this grievance is dismissed and will not be forwarded to the Venice Neighborhood Council for further action.

The Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate for the Venice Neighborhood Council will communicate your concerns to the board and will work with the President to ensure that a cancellation notice for all future cancelled meetings is sent to the Department's Early Notification System, and posted.

Thank you for bringing this issue to the Department's attention. I hope that it has been addressed to your satisfaction.