



Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Nina Sorkin

Neighborhood Council: Silver Lake Neighborhood Council

Grievance Number: 239

Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following: Any other City code, executive directive, rule or regulation applicable to Neighborhood Councils.

Date Received: July 1, 2020

Date of Department Review: July 13, 2020

GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

The Department reviews all Grievances to determine whether the Grievance conforms to the Grievance Policy. Upon a determination that a Grievance conforms to the Policy, the Department certifies the Grievance and notifies 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. If a determination is made that the grievance has merit, a notification is sent to the Neighborhood Council in question describing the suggested remedy.

Dear, Ms. Sorkin:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council on July 1, 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 (BONC). 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.

Your grievance alleges:

1. (A), California Public Records Act, Government Code 6250 et seq. "Records were requested, a response was received acknowledging that request, and no records were ever received. The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council has failed to respond to your PRA request filed on June 2, 2020."

RESPONSE: The allegation above is considered to be outside of the jurisdiction of the grievance process. The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing violations of State law. While the jurisdiction of your complaint under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope, your concerns will be forwarded to the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council so that the matter can be addressed with the Chair of the Neighborhood Council.

After carefully reviewing your grievance, the Department found that the allegations in your grievance are matters pertaining to state law and therefore are prohibited from being addressed through the Neighborhood Council Grievance process. Accordingly, this grievance is closed and will not be forwarded to the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council for further action.

Thank you for bringing this issue to the Department's attention. I hope the Department's description of the Neighborhood Council's Grievance process of the rules provides clarification of the circumstances in question.

Respectfully,