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## Grievance Determination

**Grievant's Name:** Richard Hopp

**Neighborhood Council:** Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

**Grievance Number:** 240

**Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following:** Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Posting Policy, Posting Requirements Resolution Policy Number 2014-01.0

**Date Received:** July 14, 2020

**Date of Department Review:** July 20, 2020

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### 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, Mr. Hopp:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council on July 14, 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), "There is continuance lack of understanding of public agenda noticing requirements. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council agenda scheduled for July 15, 2020 does not meet the definition of a special meeting due to new items placed on the agenda."

**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 Van Nuys 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 Van Nuys 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,