

**DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD
EMPOWERMENT WITNESS STATEMENT FORM**

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Grievance # _____
Witness Form # _____

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Grievances are defined as set forth in the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.818.
"The following information contained herein is within my own personal knowledge and relates only to facts and circumstances surrounding the Grievance submitted by Sheri Akers on October 6, 201 regarding Mar Visita Neighborhood Council."

The Mar Vista Council, after hearing pro and con statements by residents in July regarding the changes related to the Great Streets Initiative, specifically the reduction of lanes for driving, decided to continue the project for the intended period during which it can be evaluated in terms of its effectiveness. At the meeting I found the people against the project were bullying, rude, and not open to waiting for the results. They were closed to hearing and studying objective information. I felt physically threatened to get up and speak on behalf of letting the evaluation period continue. From my own observation, their statement about the negative effects of the project were based on their visceral objections, not on objective observation. I live two blocks away from the project. It was clear that there were many who were in favor of continuing the project, but were literally drowned out and booed by the people against the project. I felt that the decision to continue the project was the appropriate response.
This new decision reversing the earlier one is not an example of a democratic process, and I feel that the decision to rescind on the vote in July to continue the project came about from the bullying tactics of this group, rather than the more respectful and open people in favor of trying it out to get objective information.
Not only is the decision against the by laws, but does not represent in a fair way, the community sentiments.
It seems like bullying on the local, as well as the national level, is the winning tactic. Right now, I am ashamed to be a part of this community in which I have lived for almost 40 years.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
Date: October 7, 2017

Name: MARILYN ZWEIFACH Signature: Marilyn Zweifach

Department Review

Date witness form received: _____ Date witness form reviewed: _____
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