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 Rebecca Leveque on 10/05/2020 regarding Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council."

I attended the 9/9/20 PRNC meeting and was truly dismayed. I cannot fathom this sort of sanctioned community meeting as I heard few facts and ethics, and am certain the City will want to observe the recording. I was further baffled how the meeting could proceed with such a serious agenda item, without the NEA present, to monitor the procedure. He left prior to this agenda item being heard. They needed to hear the City's policy, and be monitored for propriety.

Apparently board member Leveque asked questions at a prior meeting that some members did not like, thus they created a censure proceeding. I watched a procedure with seemingly unqualified members who participated unguided or schooled. It appeared this board (majority not even elected) was more interested in their personal feelings rather than facts or the community.

The process began with several members being deemed unqualified to vote. Then each member was given 2 minutes to speak. Ms. Leveque apparently believed the censure was re: her prior question regarding one members City employment location, however members named her anti-Semitic due to that question in their filing. She seemed blindsided with that accusation she asked for more than the 4 minutes response she was allotted and was denied.

As a Legislator I knew Ms. Leveque and she being accused of anti-Semitism is absurd. Censuring passed with some members saying they had not reached the bar of proof but would vote yes. As the former State Assemblywoman, living in Porter Ranch, and member of the Charter Commission that created the Councils, I implore the City to review this non moderated meeting, educate the members on their duties and protocol, and disallow such an erroneous vote.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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