

**DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD
EMPOWERMENT WITNESS STATEMENT FORM**

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Challenge # _____
Witness Form # _____

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Challenges are covered 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 Charles Lindenblatt on 5/5/16 regarding Mid City West Neighborhood Council."

The problem with the ballot is that is that it did not make it clear that you could undervote in the At Large Category. It said to vote for 8 candidates. It SHOULD have said to vote for UP TO 8 candidates or NO MORE THAN 8. As an example of proper communication to the voter, the upcoming June 7, 2016 Democratic Primary Ballot uses the following language for Member, Party County Committee: "vote for no more than Seven." This tells the voter that they can vote for less than seven, especially if they don't know seven of those people or don't like seven of those people.

The wording of the Mid City West ballot leads voters to be concerned that their ballot will not count if they don't follow the directions (undervote or overvote). If voters only want to vote for Charles (or perhaps an additional 1 or 2 others they are familiar with) in the At Large Category, but follow the directions and vote for 7 other candidates, Charles' chances of prevailing have been substantially diminished. If undervoting is allowed, that needs to be properly and clearly communicated to voters. In fact, the rumor is that the last screen of the ballot (the "review and submit" screen) told voters to go back and vote for more candidates if they undervoted. I can't speak to that, because I only glanced at that screen for half a second before hitting the submit button. If in fact that's true and many went back and added other candidates that they did not know or did not like in the At Large Category, that hurt Charles' chances of prevailing all the more.

If other candidates in the At Large Category instructed their voters clearly about undervoting as a strategy (and it is a very effective strategy that some slates use while campaigning and communicating with supporters and the voting public), with advance knowledge of the poorly worded ballot, that put Charles at a disadvantage.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that all information on this form is public record.

Date: 5/4/16

Name: Yuval Kremer Signature: 

Department Review

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

Witness form reviewed by: _____ Grievance number: _____