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Election Challenge Panel Determination

Challenger Name: Mike Szymanski

Neighborhood Council: Studio City Neighborhood Council

Challenge Number: 16, 17, 18

Challenge Basis: Incorrect Ballots (which caused voters to vote either significantly more or less for a qualified or incorrect candidate); Vote-by-Mail Process; Explicit Use of City logo(s) for Campaign Materials by Candidate(s) (including a LA City, EmpowerLA logo, Neighborhood Council logo, and any other City department logo)

Date of Review: April 18, 2016

Election Challenge Panel Members

Elvira Del Pozo, Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council
David Greene, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council
Monica Alcaraz, Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Vote

Dismiss
Dismiss
Sustain

Public Comment

Rita Villa
Beth Shiffman
Lisa Sarkin
Remy Kessler
Grayce Liu

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Report

Jay Handal, Neighborhood Council Citywide Election Administrator

Determination

Incorrect Ballots (which caused voters to vote either significantly more or less for a qualified or incorrect candidate)

- ☐ Sustained
☒ **Dismissed**

Vote-by-Mail Process

- ☐ Sustained
☒ **Dismissed**

Campaign Material Issues

- ☐ Sustained
☒ **Dismissed**

The majority of the Election Challenge Panel determined that the ballots were correct and that there was not enough information to support the remaining challenges.

Remedy

None as all challenges were dismissed by the Panel. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will note on record that these challenges were dismissed.