

Mr. Hernandez,

I'm writing in response to your Elections Challenge for the Sylmar Neighborhood Council elections on August 4, 2012.

Your Challenge is based on "Electioneering by candidates, Eligibility of Voter."

You claim:

- 1) You not allowed to make a presentation at the CANDIDATES forum sponsored by the SNC because according to the Bd. Sec. David Levin" I had made too many grievances".
2. The election materials were not printed in Spanish nor distributed in Latino areas for instance St. Didicus church located right next to Sylmar Park.
3. There was inadequate signage at Sylmar Park the day of the election, August 4th, Sat. both in the North side, but no signage in the South Side where a baseball game was taking place. Over 20 people who would have voted for me went away because they did not know where to vote.
4. The incumbents were allowed to pass out their campaign material in front of the voting booth.
5. Poll workers allowed voters to converse and help one another in the polling booths. In addition, several candidates were mislabeled on the bulletin board in front of the booth and the polls opened late.

In response, the Independent Election Administrator verified that the Forum was open to all Candidates but you left after arguing with "Bd. Sec. Devid Levin" who had nothing to do with the Candidate Forum. It was your choice to stay or leave and you left.

The Neighborhood Council has the option of requesting interpreters and translation, but it didn't. The registration forms are offered in both Spanish and English. In addition, EmpowerLA Elections staff includes bilingual poll-workers. Your charge is without merit.

The amount of signage at the Park was twice the amount for traditional Neighborhood Council elections and was complemented by LAPD Cadets who directed traffic. This is not an acceptable challenge issue and your claim is without merit.

Neither Incumbents nor Challengers were allowed to pass out campaign materials in front of the voting booth. The Poll Manager and the Independent Election Administrator regularly surveyed the area and confirmed that there was no Electioneering within 100' of the Polling Location. Again, your claim is contradicted by audits of the Poll Manager, the Independent Election Administrator, and the Elections Coordinator.

Your last claim, that Poll Workers allowed voters to converse and help one another, is without support as is your claim that the bulletin board candidates were mislabeled. It is your obligation to offer proof and you have offered none.

Your Elections Challenge fails to rise to the level of a valid challenge and it is rejected.

Thank you for your commitment to the Electoral process.