

Ms. Stewart,

I'm writing in response to your Elections Challenge for the Palms Neighborhood Council Board Elections on October 28, 2012.

You stated that the Challenge was based on "Campaign Material Issues, Electioneering by candidates" and offered detail that consisted of charges that the Candidate used lawn signs in the vicinity of the Palms Neighborhood Council polling location with campaign messages on them.

EmpowerLA's Election Division can address electioneering which is defined as campaigning within the 100' "no electioneering" area outside the polling location. At the same time, EmpowerLA's Election Division is not in a position to supervise the surrounding community or enforce Municipal Code by addressing people who "paint, mark or write on, or post or otherwise affix, any hand-bill or sign to or upon any sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, curbstone, street lamp post, hydrant, tree, shrub, tree stake or guard, railroad trestle, electric light or power or telephone or telegraph or trolley wire pole, or wire appurtenant thereof or upon any fixture of the fire alarm or police telegraph system or upon any lighting system, public bridge, drinking fountain, life buoy, life preserver, life boat, or other life saving equipment, street sign or traffic sign.s" and explained that the complaint hinged on the use of handbills attached to public utility poles in violation of municipal code."

In other words, any violations of Municipal Code such as illegal posting on public property should be reported to Street Services for investigation and enforcement.

Your Election Challenge falls short of establishing any evidence of Electioneering and any charges related to posting campaign materials on public property should be reported to the appropriate authorities. The presence of campaign materials, whether at the hands of zealous supporters or the candidate himself, does not rise to the level of a sustainable challenge.

Your Election Challenge was well articulated and your commitment to the community is evident but EmpowerLA is not in a position to address issues that take place beyond the Polling location.

As such, your Election Challenge falls short and your request for the disqualification of the Candidate is rejected.

Thank you for your commitment to the integrity of the Neighborhood Council electoral process.