

# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION CHALLENGE FORM

I hereby submit my challenge for the Pico Union

Neighborhood Council Election held on 04/03/2014

I affirm that I am a stakeholder in this Neighborhood Council and that I have personal knowledge of the following challenge.  check here

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REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Campaign Material Issues

Please state the facts for your challenge.  
(max 500 words)

March 17, 2014, Candidate Meeting, Pico Union NC facility. Candidates were introduced and presented our qualifications. Rick Rodriquez, PUNC, Election Chair, told candidates present what we could do to get Stakeholders' votes. He said PUNC was printing flyers with candidate names, and later he would give candidates some for campaigning. Mr. Rodriguez clearly stated that candidates could mark flyers to indicate for whom we would like shareholders to vote. He stated marking the flyers would aid voters on election's day. When questioned about PUNC outreach efforts for this election, Mr. Rodriguez stated that he was the Election chair and Miguel Amaya was Outreach Chair. Mr. Rodriguez invited candidates to St. Thomas Church on Sunday March 23. He had arranged for Miguel Amaya to speak to the congregation about the importance of the Pico Union NC Election during masses. He told the candidates we could pass out flyers and talk to the people outside of church. Sunday, March 23, I arrived at St. Thomas around 8:00 a.m., Miguel Amaya had a table, with PUNC Banner, and PUNC newsletter with his candidate card stapled to some of them. I was at the table but wasn't passing out flyers. Around 9:30 Miguel Amaya spoke at Mass about elections and Miguel and I proceeded outside to prepare to hand out information. Miguel brought a box of PUNC flyers and began marking candidates. Since I had been told by Rick Rodriquez that we could mark these flyers, I marked some, but I did not pass out any of the PUNC flyers. Approximately 10:30 Miguel left, without a word, or taking the materials, or banner, although he was appointed to speak at every Mass. Around 11:00 Peter Sean, PUNC President arrived. He was upset, saying I violated election rules, demanding to know who brought the banner, newsletters,

who gave me the flyers to mark? He kept saying, "How did you get the banner?" I explained it was already there when I arrived. Miguel set up everything and Rick had arranged it. Peter Sean would not listen, and to avoid problems, I had the banner removed from the table as he demanded. Approximately 11:30 Rick Rodriguez arrived and I explained what had taken place. Peter Sean took the banner, took pictures and complained to Father Corral about me. He also called other Korean people to come witness and then left around 12:30, or so. Father Corral was upset because Miguel had left without presenting at the rest of the services as agreed. Rick Rodriguez asked me to join him and Father Arturo Corral. Father Corral told Rick Rodriguez that he was ultimately responsible for the events that took place because he had received specific instructions as to how things needed to be handled. The misinformation and treatment I have received from PUNC regarding the election seems intentional. I feel I was purposely manipulated in order to invalidate me as a candidate.

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Please state your desired remedy. (max 100 words)

I ask for disqualification of Miguel Amaya, and Rick Rodriguez for manipulating me to violate election rules. They belong to PUNC and know, or should know the limitations in the use of PUNC materials. I was purposely placed in a situation to get me disqualified. Mr. Rodriguez said to mark the PUNC flyers and pass them out after church. Mr. Amaya, set up the table with banner, PUNC newsletters on the table and some had with his business cards stapled to them, using PUNC supplies for personal campaign. He later left, leaving me looking like I broke the rules.

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Attach all supporting documentation:

[PUNC Newsletter.pdf](#) [PUNC Flyer.jpg](#) [pico-union-2014-candidates1can.pdf](#)

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