

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION CHALLENGE FORM

I hereby submit my challenge for the

Neighborhood Council Election held on

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

Name

Business Name (if applicable):

Address

Phone

Email

REASON FOR CHALLENGE:

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

The Pico Union Neighborhood Council and its Board Members are in violation of the Article II, B (1), of their Bylaws which was posted on their website up until a few days ago (a new Bylaws is now posted) and reads: "To respect the diversity, dignity and expression of all individuals ... involved in the Council." VIOLATION: On April 3, 2014, many Voters were turned-down from their civil right to vote for lack of identification. HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE? The Pico Union Neighborhood Council had on their Website for 2 or 3 months a "SELF-AFFIRMATION" option to Vote. It was suddenly changed 2 or 3 days before the Election Day to "DOCUMENTATION." Based on PUNC's Bylaws, the Pico Union Neighborhood Council and Board members are to be inclusive and they should always strive to keep doors open to the entire community. Many flyers, brochures and newspaper ads were printed and distributed within the boundaries of Pico-Union promoting: No need for identification and the word "SELF-AFFIRMATION" was mentioned. NOT the case on Election Day. There was a sign posted "I.D. Required." Many people from the community were not allowed to Vote for lack of identification. For about 2 months the Empowerla.org Website, under PUNC, had the Voting hours from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.. Each candidate, including myself, printed and distributed flyers, newspaper ads, magazine ads, and verbal notice was given to community that the time for Voting would be from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. 24 hours before election time, the hours were changed from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.. Once again, isn't PUNC's obligation and requirement to be open to the community as much as possible? Wasn't the board supposed to have taken their reasonable time and as courtesy to the community to

decide on the hours for Voting, 2 or 3 months before Election Day, not 24 hours before!

Please state your desired remedy. (max 100 words)

I hereby respectfully request the Department of Empowerment open an investigation against PUNC and its board members for: Misrepresentation, mishandling of city and PUNC's material. For discrimination against the community, for exclusion, for failure to follow the Bylaws. I respectfully request the Removal of all Board members involved in the violations!

Attach all supporting documentation:

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