

# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION CHALLENGE FORM

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I hereby submit my challenge for the Rampart Village

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Neighborhood Council Election held on 04/12/2014

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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: Observer/Media Issues

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

On April 12, 2014, an incident happened during Rampart Village Neighborhood Council Election 2014. While the election was going on, Cecilia Ramos of Historic Filipinotown Neighborhood Council Incorporated came in and acted like she was somebody who has the authority to do whatever she wants to do. She was getting copies for the registration election forms from the other pole workers, and then she was handing out these forms to the voters as she was also handing out copies of the slate of her handpicked candidates that she was promoting. When I told her that she was not authorized to do that, she confronted me and said that she already asked “the higher up, that told” her “that it was ok to do that” and she also added that she “did not have to ask for my permission.” I saw her handing a copy of her slate to my co-poll worker. And as the voters were coming in, each one of them had a copy of her slate also. I gathered all these copies and handed them to Alicia Smith, the poll manager of the RVNC Election. She wrote my name down and my daughters too, as witnesses of this incident. Cecilia Ramos of the Historic Filipinotown Neighborhood Council, Inc. was in fact telling every Filipino voter that she could in Tagalog before she was stopped: “ Alam na ninyo kung sino ang inyong bobotohin!” which in English means, “ You already know who to vote for! “ Upon learning of this incident, the poll manager asked her to leave the room. She complied after defending her actions as “just trying to help” and before any further action had to be taken like calling the police. I then witnessed Cecilia Ramos of Historic Filipinotown Neighborhood Council, Inc. sit at the RVNC Outreach booth that was just at the 100 feet mark from the polling area’s front door for most of the of the 8hr election where she was campaigning for her

slate of candidates at the RVNC table even after the tent blew down she remained in the sun like she had a strong purpose to control the results of this election in the RVNC. If you know how much the Filipinos do not like to be in the sun you will understand how much Cecilia Ramos of Historic Filipinotown Neighborhood Council, Inc. has had a need to control this election in the RVNC in 2014, that was not even in here own Neighborhood Council, GEPENC, where she has been spoiling elections for years now with her attempts to bring in vote-by-mail ballots into the election on election day to the polling location in mass in GEPENC. This has been documented in the previous election cycles 2010 and 2012, and just has to be looked up in your own records to be confirmed. There might not be any regulations now against all this but it must be reported so it does not happen again in 2016.

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The desired remedy is to disqualify all members of the Cecilia Ramos backed slate that are mentioned in the incident report that was created at the RVNC Election 2014. Her actions and her history of messing up GEPENC elections so her 501,C,3 HiFiNC can be funneled money is not right. This makes all Filipinos look bad; please make her pay the maximum fine or ban her from any future election for our two neighborhood councils. Please add the incident report as evidence of this challenge.

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Please state your desired remedy. (max 100 words)

Attach all supporting documentation:

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