

# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION CHALLENGE FORM

I hereby submit my challenge for the Venice

Neighborhood Council Election held on 05/01/2014

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: Electioneering by candidates  
Eligibility of Candidate  
Inappropriate endorsements of candidate

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

For years, the VNC appointed Parliamentarian Ivan Spiegel, VNC Rules and Elections Chair Ira Koslow, and former VNC Rules and Election Chair Joe D. Murphy have informed Venice Residents , LAPD Police, a Deputy City Attorney and VNC Board Members that this VNC candidate has a restraining order against him by LAUSD and has no right to attend meetings on LAUSD Property without documentation. LAPD did not honor this documentation. VNC contacted LAPD to set me up and deny me access to this meeting by informing Police that this candidate has a restraining order against him and can not enter LAUSD property so this candidate could not share questions and provide documentation to City Attorney Mike Feuer. These individuals continue to inform Venice Residents that this candidate is violent and dangerous; causing this candidate emotional pain and humiliation. This violates election rules as they continue to attack this candidate with lies. On April 29,2014 this candidate went to Westminster School to campaign outside the meeting. Also campaigning were VNC Vice Presidential candidate Mark Saltzberg and candidate Matthew Beltran and two high school students who were getting names to assist in the campaign of State Senator Ted Liu who is running for Congress. A member of VNC Land, Use and Planning John Reed was also outside threatening this candidate of repercussions if he wins election to the VNC. He informed this candidate and the two students supporting Ted Lieu that we have no right to campaign outside before the meeting began. He did not make these remarks to Mr. Saltzberg and Mr. Beltran. With Mr. Spiegel watching, Mr. Reed

continued his less than appropriate behavior. Immediately after this incident, LAPD Officer Abskharon approached this advocate inside the meeting to go outside with him. He informed this candidate that LAUSD has a restraining order against this candidate and this advocate could not access this meeting. VNC informed Police and a Deputy City Attorney that this advocate has a restraining order against him. After a half hour of police harassment, it was determined by LAPD Pacific Division that the information shared with police and the Deputy City Attorney by VNC was not true setting up LAPD officers with false information to retaliate against this candidate. Today, this candidate received a letter from LAPD OIG informing this candidate that an investigation is underway against those officers who had no evidence that a restraining order existed. This candidate is a whistle blower to whom VNC continues to attack, even though this advocate is a candidate for VNC. A letter from the OIG was sent to Alisa Smith and other election officials. As well as an election challenge, I request DONE and the election team share this complaint with the City Attorney ,LAUSD, and LAPD. The VNC Election Chair Ivan Spiegel has coordinated the attacks against this candidate.

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Please state your desired remedy. (max 100 words)

A complete investigation must be done by election officials as well as the current investigation by OIG. These candidates John Reed, Ira Koslow, and Joe Murphy deserve consequences for lying to the City Attorney and LAPD and retaliating against this candidate. These candidates should not be permitted to be seated as VNC members if elected based on continued retaliation that goes back to 2005. VNC refuses to address CPRA's with information that might affect this election.

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Attach all supporting documentation:

[OIG Complaint 5-1-14 Re\\_ VNC Rules and Election Chair Teacher Ira Koslow Orchestrates Police Harassment By Providing a Deputy City Attorney False Information.rtf](#)

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