

# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION CHALLENGE FORM

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I hereby submit my challenge for the Porter Ranch

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Neighborhood Council Election held on 03/01/2014

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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: Concerns regarding Ballots  
Electioneering by candidates  
Eligibility of Voter  
Observer/Media Issues  
Inappropriate endorsements of candidate

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The primary concern how there seemed to be people representing In-Christ Church that "hung around" the polling place throughout the election process. They were translating and coaching in Korean with people in queue. Stephen Box and IEA Kevin Taylor seemed to be aware of this and talked with them. They then setup a table with the people at the beginning of the line to do one the fly translation and appeared to be endorsed by the Polling Place. According to the EmpowerLA election manual this seems to be in violation of section XX - regarding Translation and Language Assistance. "The City Clerk Election Division will translate documents upon receiving a Translation Request Form from the Neighborhood Council Board. All Translation Request Forms must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., at least 90 days prior to Election Day. Translation Request Forms received after the deadline shall not be processed. The Department will provide language assistance on Election Day upon the request of the Neighborhood Council Board. A Neighborhood Council may request assistance for up to two languages other than English. Languages not available within the Department will be contracted out to an outside interpreter at a \$50 fee per language to be paid by the Neighborhood Council. All translation and language assistance requests must be submitted to the Department no later than 5 p.m., thirty (30) days prior to Election Day." The Porter Ranch

Please state the facts for your challenge.

(max 500 words)

Neighborhood Council did not request translation/interpretation services. Also, at no time did any candidate make the request to the NC for translation/interpretive services on day of election. Therefore the stakeholders cannot be reasonably assured there was no bias in the translation or interpretation that took place. Secondly throughout election day numerous candidates were found to be outside the polling place within 100 feet and wearing campaign material. Also, the translators/interpreters mentioned earlier were found to be handing out material that was not in english to the voters in line and coaching voters on voter registration cards. Poll workers had to ask candidates and people to leave several times. Candidates Eric Nam and Matt Wildstein were found to be within 100 feet of the poll talking to stakeholders. I personally had to ask them to leave. Thirdly the polling place ran out of ballots and there was substantial delay until a remedy was resolved therefore delaying the time for voters where many walked away due to the line. There were a large amount of stakeholders who affirmed an interest in Porter Ranch via In-Christ Church. According to the church itself they only have 700 attendees/members (including children) that attend Sunday services. According to my observer notes 300 of the voters affirmed an interest in Porter ranch via In-Christ Church on a Saturday.

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Please state your desired remedy. (max 100 words)

Investigate who the translation people were. Interview Stephen Box and Kevin Taylor to determine what happened and if the rules/laws were broken. Was there bias from the translators? How can it be proven they were not if they weren't hired by the PRNC or EmpowerLA? Conduct an independent audit of voter registration cards to confirm voter eligibility of voters. If fraud was committed, institute a special election for the same 23 candidates.

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Attach all supporting documentation:

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