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EmpowerLA - PRNC - Election Challenge

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Mr. O'Rourke,

I'm writing in response to to your Elections Challenger for the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council election held on March 1, 2014.

You stated that your Challenge was based on "Concerns regarding Ballots," "Electioneering by Candidates," and "Observer/Media Issues," and "Inappropriate Endorsement of Candidate."

Your stated concern was the people who "hung around" the polling place and your contention that this was a violation of EmpowerLA's Elections Manual.

The requirement for translation requests exists in order to process requests in a timely manner, not to restrict translation or interpretation services. In this case, the Neighborhood Council did not request any services.

In light of the weather, a space was created for non-English speaking voters so that they could be assisted in filling out the Registration Forms, assisted by interpreters who spoke Korean.

This process was monitored and the rules were clearly articulated.

No Candidates were observed passing out election materials or wearing campaign materials.

You are correct in your claim that the polling place ran out of ballots but this falls short of a challenge, if anything it speaks volumes to the efficacy of the Neighborhood Council's elections committee and outreach committee.

As such, your Election Challenge is not a valid challenge and no action will be taken.

Thank you for your commitment to the integrity of the Neighborhood Council electoral process.