

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION CHALLENGE FORM

I hereby submit my challenge for the Sherman Oaks

Neighborhood Council Election held on 03/20/2014

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: Eligibility of Voter

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

Candidate Ron Ziff does not qualify for the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Business seat in area 6. 1. This candidate states that his qualification is based on a "business" he is running by the name of "CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE RETAILERS ASSOCIATION" which is located at P. O. Box 56686 Sherman Oaks, CA 91413 and the actual business is also Zip Code 91413 which is located in AREA #1. Area #1 is scheduled for Election next year in 2015. 2. This Candidate claims that he works for that business which is a "Domestic Nonprofit Organization" that is qualified by the California Franchise Tax Board R&TC Sec. 23701e according to the Internal Revenue Service Code IRC 501(c)(25)(E) to be "Exempt from tax". 3. According to its Website, the Organizations sole purpose of existence is to "join other members of the industry" as the "only statewide association of alcoholic beverage licensees". It's going on to say that it was "incorporated in 1960 by a small group of men representing licensees in this state." (Are women not qualified?) It opens its doors to membership fees "For the first time in 20 years the CBRA is open to new members". My suggestion, for the purpose of collection of memberships' revenue, it would be wise to change the name from "BEVERAGE" to "Marijuana" for a complete name to read "CALIFORNIA MARIJUANA RETAILERS ASSOCIATION' then its success to be a Tax Free Corporation will be "appropriate". 4. The fact of the matter is that Ron Ziff who is acting as the President/Executive Director and his son Ben Ziff, Vice president / General Manager are NOT holding Liquor Licenses according to the CA. Alcoholic Beverage Control. They are NOT participating in the Sherman Oaks Chambers of Commerce, and worst of all, the Organization does NOT have a Los Angeles City

Business License (as it is running from a P. O. Box.) 5. The Internal Revenue Service Code IRC 501(c)(2) stipulates very clearly for the organization EXEMPT FROM TAX that : “ a 501(c)(2) organization cannot carry on a trade or business” (see supporting documentations) more over it was originally meant to protect the Real Estate owned by a Church, or a Temple that was clearly defined as a Real Estate Conduit. So “ An IRC 501(c)(2 or 25) organization must be organized for the exclusive purpose of acquiring , holding title to, and collecting income from Real Property” “it cannot operate a trade or business” The question we need to ask ourselves, is this organization operating a trade or business? Does this "business" qualify its president to run for the business seat in Area 6 of the great city of Sherman Oaks?

Disqualify the candidate for the Business seat he selected in his application on the grounds that the business acclaimed location is in Area #1 and the "Business" is a political organization and not a business that allows to carry on a trade or business. I have made a Public Records Request from the City Clerk for any and all documents involving his candidacy and submitted supporting documents to back up the information gathered to challenge his candidacy. I hereby reserve the right to amend this challenge based upon material facts arising from any supporting documentation.

Please state your desired remedy. (max 100 words)

Attach all supporting documentation:

[CBRA EXEMPT ORGANIZATION - IS IT A BUSINESS.pdf](#)

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