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I witnessed something so upsetting tonight I had to write you all. I met many of you when we worked with Barbara to stop Clint Lukens from getting his zoning variance. I learned so much from that experience and I was so impressed with Barbara and her community organizing skills.

But tonight I watched her join the very people we were united in fighting against, the corrupt cronyism we couldn't believe we were witnessing, and thru a lot of hard work we prevailed. Tonight Barbara sold out and voted right down the party line with a board that is so corrupt they literally just committed Electoral Fraud. And she will go down in history as having participated with them.

On tonight's SLNC Governing Board agenda was a motion to re-vote on the polling place for the April 12th Election. It was already decided that it would be at Micheltorena Elementary School back in November. and again in February when flyers with the Micheltorena address were presented for approval to the Governing Board. Indeed \$2500 has already been spent on flyers and the banners you may have seen around town. It's on the Empower LA website, it's on the SLNC website. Several candidates mention it in their statements. But the corrupt power base - that has angered SO many groups (Clint isn't even running again because of the push back he personally experienced) and are panicked and wanted a second polling location at the Citibank on Glendale in Region 7. and when they couldn't get a second location they decided that it was worth it to upset the whole election by moving the polling place to the Citibank. Not only is it closer to their constituents, but the confusion will lose voters that show up to micheltorena but then give up when they realize it's much further. Especially those on foot from the farmer's market or those using public transportation.

50 people showed up to express their emphatic disagreement. and I presented a petition with 118 signatures gathered in just 24 hours and is now up to 127 people. two people spoke up that thought it would be good to move it to citibank, the rest all wanted it to stay at micheltorena. But the Board voted to move the polling location to Citibank and Barbara voted with them. Shame.

Several weeks ago Barbara called me up and told me that Anne-Marie had asked her to be on their slate. She asked me if I thought she should. She asked if I thought it would come back to bite her. Not if you want to keep your integrity I said. Later she told me she hadn't. Then 2 really interesting candidates declared in Region 2 and I guess she panicked and I heard recently that she joined their slate. I couldn't believe it. If I were her I would have run at-large instead. And then I saw tonight she voted straight down the line with them. She completely abandoned her Region 2 stakeholders. She got 11 votes last time. at least three region 2 people were present and made it clear they wanted it to stay in Micheltorena and she didn't listen to us. None of them did. No one even ASKED to see the petition. Why? Because they don't care. She's supposed to represent Region 2. Did she really think it would benefit Region 2 to move the polling place to Region 7? Renee and Paul live in Region 7. So does Anne-Marie and Michael Masterson. They have the most to gain by this personally. This has nothing to do with the stakeholders and what they need.

I decided to run this time, partly because of what I witnessed with the Clint Lukens issue but also because of what I saw the neighbors could accomplish by working together. later I got involved again to support the short-term rentals issue. I knew that my politics were more socially progressive than Barbara's but until tonight I believed she had integrity. And I've enjoyed serving with her on the UD&P Committee and generally vote the same as her in protecting Silver Lake from out of control developers. Do you remember that zoning hearing and all the board members that spoke up for Clint? Anne-Marie, Renee, Paul,

Scott, Nadine? Now Barbara is running with them on their slate. I feel ripped off, that maybe it was a NIMBY issue - after all, Clint's property is right smack in the middle of her view. So she got us all to work so hard for her to protect her view and at the first opportunity sold us all out to join the enemy. So so disappointed in you Barbara.

In the meantime, some terrific progressive candidates are running. I hope you will check them out and get involved. If you want to help out and do some canvassing or get out the vote to help get a whole new board elected, let me know. Also take a look at Georgene Smith and Karen Speitel in Region 2. They are true community people and won't sell you out at the first opportunity. I know because Anne-Marie and Barbara already tried to win Karen over to their slate and she couldn't be bought.

And in the meantime, if you are as pissed off as I am that they moved the polling place, will you sign my petition?

<https://campaigns.peers.org/petitions/keep-the-polling-place-for-the-upcoming-slnc-elections-at-micheltorena-elementary-school>

and if barbara is your dearest friend and you are offended by my email and never want to hear from me again, just say the word.

thanks for listening -  
Heather