

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION CHALLENGE FORM

I hereby submit my challenge for the Silver Lake

Neighborhood Council Election held on 04/12/2014

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

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

At-Large Incumbent Teresa Sitz created a Facebook page solely used for campaigning. The title of the Facebook page is "Teresa For Silver Lake" and contains many statements, updates and information regarding her platform, her slates' platform, critique of the current board and many of its members and her goals and promises if re-elected. Ms. Sitz also spends time extolling her achievements as a SLNC governing board member and member of its committees. The site has followers and was visible for those who are also on Facebook. Included in Ms. Sitz campaign material were posts of official Silver Lake Neighborhood Council board and committee agendas, with the logo of the SLNC in clear site. Ms. Sitz included many prior SLNC board and committee agendas on her 2014 SLNC election campaign site purely for the purpose to demonstrate her involvement as a SLNC board and committee member. Ms. Sitz's also included the agenda, with the SLNC logo, of a committee she co-chairs to again bring attention to her activity as a board member to presumably attract potential stakeholder support and therefore votes for one of the 7 at-large SLNC board seats.

Please state your desired remedy. (max 100 words)

According to page 18 of the Elections Manual and #3 of the EmpowerLA Candidate Guidelines, candidates are forbidden to "use the City of Los Angeles Seal or letterhead, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) Logo, the Office of the City Clerk Logo, the NC logo or any other official NC designation created by the Department." The use of the SLNC logo on Ms. Sitz Facebook page, specifically designed as a campaign page, is a direct violation and Ms. Sitz' should be disqualified and her re-election revoked.

Attach all supporting documentation:

[Sitz Facebook page.doc](#)

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