

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: Eligibility of Candidate

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

Heather Carson, an at-large candidate in the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council election, engaged in mudslinging about me, a NC candidate, with voters on Election Day, April 12. This occurred outside the polling place at the Micheltorena Street Elementary School during the day. The mudslinging is in clear violation of the "Department of Neighborhood Empowerment 2014 Neighborhood Council Elections Candidate Guidelines." Guideline 7 clearly states "You shall not engage in negative campaigning ("mudslinging") during your campaign." Miss Carson clearly violated this guideline, as documented by the attached email. This baseless slander and impingement of my character may have caused electoral harm to me, and is certainly not in the spirit of the City's Neighborhood Council system.

Please state your desired remedy. (max 100 words)

Heather Carson should be disqualified as a candidate. Now elected, Carson's knowingly ignoring the rules and lack of respect for the guidelines indicate she could do harm to the SLNC. Per DONE's statement on Neighborhood Councils, "local engagement is important because no one understands a neighborhood better than the people who live, work and play there. Neighborhood Councils are answering that need and strengthening democracy...by embracing and supporting the diversity of neighborhoods that comprise the City of Los Angeles." Condoning actions like Heather Carson's hinder DONE's mission, do irreparable harm to DONE's reputation, and hurt the Neighborhood Council system.

Attach all supporting documentation: [email_election day slander.pdf](#)

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