

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)

At the March 12, 2014 Silver Lake Urban Design and Preservation Committee, of which I am chair, I was attacked by fellow candidate Heather Carson with false claims. The claims Carson made persisted in Silver Lake and were spread by cohorts of Ms. Carson on Election Day in front of the polling place. In fact, they harmed my candidacy. As I was a candidate for the Neighborhood Council, this mudslinging was 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." Ms. Carson knowingly planned this baseless attack as a means of smearing me and my candidacy. In fact, she invited many of her cohorts who have never attended the Committee meeting to witness this mudslinging - with some of them filming the incident, seemingly for pleasure. Several applicants at the meeting noted they had never seen such negative and horrible behavior. A copy of an email from one attendee is attached.

Please state your desired remedy. (max 100 words)

Heather Carson is not fit as a candidate and should immediately be disqualified. Ms. Carson knowingly ignored the rules and candidate guidelines. Her lack of respect indicates she could do serious harm to the SLNC and intimidate those who appear before the board. Ms. Carson has a pattern of mudslinging, which is against DONE's rules for a candidate. DONE in no way should condone Ms. Carson's actions. They are a disgrace. Allowing this candidate to stand as a representative of the Neighborhood Council will do irreparable harm to DONE's reputation, and destroy confidence in the Neighborhood Council system.

Attach all supporting documentation: [Excerpt of DRAFT MEETING MINUTES.pdf panzarello email.pdf](#)

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