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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION CHALLENGE RESOLUTION

April 14, 2014

Dear Mr. Colacion:

On April 7, 2014 you submitted a challenge for the Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council election, addressing concerns regarding Ballots, Campaign Material Issues, Electioneering by Candidates, Eligibility of Voter, ADA/Curbside voting compliance, Observer/Media Issues, Inappropriate Endorsements of Candidate.

After thorough review, it has been determined that your challenge does not qualify as a valid challenge.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment provided a Poll Manager and an Assistant Poll manager and relied on the Neighborhood Council to provide volunteers to staff the polls. In this case the Department also brought volunteers from other Neighborhood Councils such as Hollywood United and Boyle Heights. The participation of volunteers from the WCKNC was light and the voter turnout was heavy.

The decision to require documentation from the voters was made by the Neighborhood Council and is specified in the bylaws. (ARTICLE X ELECTIONS, Section 4: Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status – Voters will verify their Stakeholder status by providing acceptable documentation)

Candidates within the polls were monitored and electioneering was addressed, voters without documentation were given Provisional Ballots which were counted when documentation was provided.

Thank you for your commitment to the integrity of the Neighborhood Council electoral process.

Sincerely,

Neighborhood Council Elections Administration  
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Cc: Terrence Gomes, Independent Election Administrator  
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