

# NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION CHALLENGE FORM

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I hereby submit my challenge for the Studio City

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Neighborhood Council Election held on 03/20/2014

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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: Campaign Material Issues  
Electioneering by candidates  
Inappropriate endorsements of candidate

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

The "Studio City Neighborhood Council Election Bulletin" (hereafter "Bulletin") flyer/mailer violates DONE's 12/2013 Candidate Guidelines, 3,4,5,6,7 and 11, as well as Section IX, subsection B and C of the DONE's 2/2014 Election Manual in that 1) it reads as though it contains an endorsement of the 14 candidates by the board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) by name and photograph, compounded by the fact that all fourteen endorsees are sitting board members of the SCNC. 2) there is not a single disclosure in the Bulletin that all 14 endorsed candidates are sitting board members, in essence endorsing themselves. 3) the bulletin creates ambiguity as to whether SCNC resources were used, no matter how inadvertently, to prepare, mail or distribute the bulletin e.g. were mailing SCNC mailing lists used. 4) the effect of the Bulletin is to put all candidates, including this challenger, at a distinct electoral disadvantage. Note: I use my additional words here to supplement the remedy section below. I do not know if there is an easy remedy to this problem. Assuming without knowing, there has been wide distribution of the bulletin, damage is done and curing it is difficult. The solution needs to be the product of wiser heads than me, though I do have a go at it below. This is a mess.

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1) Restart and modify the electoral process, perhaps borrowing from the "selection process," AND 2) Immediate end to distribution of Bulletin. OR 3) A strong remedial curative message from the board distributed in the same way to the recipients of the Bulletin,

Please state your desired remedy. (max 100 words) advising the recipients of the second flyer that a first flyer they may have received implied incorrectly an endorsement of the 14 by the board, and that was an inappropriate, illegal message, because all 14 persons endorsed by the flyer were themselves sitting members of the SCNC board.

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Attach all supporting documentation:

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