



Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Louis Caravella

Neighborhood Council: Central San Pedro

Grievance Number: 368

Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following: Neighborhood Council Bylaw Article VII, Section 3

Date Received: June 11, 2022

Date of Department Review: June 16, 2022

Dear Mr. Caravella:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council on June 11, 2022.

OVERVIEW OF GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

The certification of a Grievance by the Department shall not be construed as a statement regarding the validity or invalidity of the Grievance. If a determination is made that the grievance meets the eligibility requirements as prescribed in the ordinance, a notification will be sent to the Neighborhood Council in question describing the next steps and suggested remedy.

The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

Your grievance alleges:

1. Violation of Article VII Section 3 of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council's Bylaws

RESPONSE: Pursuant to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#), the allegation above concerning a violation of the Neighborhood Council's Bylaws is considered to be within the jurisdiction of the grievance process. As such, this letter serves as notification that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has certified the grievance based on the alleged violation. Grievance #368 will be processed in accordance with the Ordinance.

Process: The Neighborhood Council will be notified of the Department's certification, pursuant to 22.818 (c) GRIEVANCE, (3) GRIEVANCE BY BOARD MEMBER; As prescribed in "Any Grievance filed by a board member against his or her own board will bypass consideration by the impacted Neighborhood Council Board, as set forth in 22.818 Subsection (d) GRIEVANCE PROCESS (2) Review of Grievance by Neighborhood Council. "The Department will forward a Grievance filed by a

board member against his or her own board directly to the Regional Grievance Panel for disposition, as specified in 22.808 Subsection (d) GRIEVANCE PROCESS (6) Establishment of a Regional Grievance Panel.

The Neighborhood Council will have the opportunity to, within 60 days from the date of communication from the Department, to agendize the grievance in order to prepare for their presentation to the Regional Grievance Panel and to appoint a designated representative.

In the interim, the Department will begin preparations to contact the eligible neighborhood councils in the assigned region and request the names of the individuals to serve on the Panel (see 22.818, (a) *REGIONAL GRIEVANCE PANEL*, (b) *APPOINTMENTS TO A REGIONAL GRIEVANCE PANEL*). The Department expects to notify the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council of our certification of the grievance by June 28, 2021.

Notices related to your grievance will be sent to you via email to the email address that you provided to us in your grievance,

Please contact me at Lorenzo.Briceno@lacity.org if additional clarification is needed relative to this Letter of Determination. We recommend referring to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#) as it may provide answers to questions.

Respectfully,