



Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Robert Gelfand

Neighborhood Council: Central San Pedro

Grievance Number: 483

Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following: Neighborhood Council Bylaw; Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy; Department Policy; Any other City code, executive directive, rule or regulation applicable to Neighborhood Councils

Date Received: November 22, 2024

Date of Department Review: December 4, 2024

Dear Mr. Gelfand:

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 November 22, 2024.

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:

Allegations that the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council violated the following: Neighborhood Council Bylaw; Any other City code, executive directive, rule or regulation applicable to Neighborhood Councils; Department Policy; Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Policy

- **RESPONSE:** Pursuant to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#), the Grievance process is, in general authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Councils. While your Grievance alleged violations by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, it's important to clarify that your Grievance mentioned an alleged violation of State Law, which is not an appropriate matter to be resolved under the Neighborhood Council Grievance Process. As such, Grievance #483 **will not be processed** by the department and is closed.

While the jurisdiction of the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope regarding your complaint, your concerns will be forwarded to the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate and Director who work with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council so that the matter can be addressed outside of the grievance process.

We recommend referring to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#) as it may provide answers to questions.

Respectfully,