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When the Studio City Neighborhood Council held its most recent elections on April 7, 2016, the on-site voting that DONE administered in Studio City had several troubling allegations of electioneering near the polls and potentially improper behavior that led to several challenges to the results of the elections, revealing two key issues with the process:

- 1) There is insufficient training for the volunteer poll workers who are charged with ensuring that the voting places are safe and free from voter intimidation; and
- 2) there is no coherent and established process to manage challenges to the election results in the event that there are irregularities or other issues in the administration of neighborhood council elections.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to report on improving the voting environment for future elections and on the actions that DONE intends to take to train staff, engage stakeholders to create uniform policies across all neighborhood councils, and ensure a safe environment for voters free of electioneering.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to work with the City Attorney's office to develop, document and implement an election challenge process for future neighborhood council elections where there is a legitimate and valid challenge to the results of a neighborhood council election.

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