

# 2025 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION

## LIST OF ACCEPTABLE CHALLENGES

Stakeholders who meet the eligibility requirements listed in the 2025 Neighborhood Council (NC) Election Handbook may file an election challenge on the conduct of a NC Election. The City Clerk will accept challenge requests for the following, but not limited to:

### Candidate Filing Challenges:

- Ineligible or incorrect documentation proving stakeholder status;
- Exceeding term limits; or
- Candidate submitting application after the deadline.

### Election Challenges:

- Candidates use of City or neighborhood council controlled buildings, equipment, supplies, funds, or other taxpayer resources for campaigning activities;
- Explicit use of City logo(s) for campaign materials by candidates (including LA City logo, City Clerk logo, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (EmpowerLA) logo, NC logo, and any other City department logo);
- NC Board endorsement of a candidate or slate of candidates;
- Use of NC funds or outreach materials to endorse a candidate or slate of candidates;
- Candidates posting handbills or any other campaign materials on public property;
- Incorrect ballots (wrong ballot, incorrect instructions, etc.) which caused voters to vote significantly more or less for a qualified/non-qualified or incorrect candidate;
- Ballot duplication (by candidate or stakeholder); or
- Illegal voting (e.g. a voter who casts more ballots than allowed in a NC Election or voter fraud.).

The following claims will **NOT** be accepted as grounds for an election challenge:

- Lack of outreach (outreach performed by a NC, DONE, or any other City entity);
- Published articles (challenges based on election information published in media (e.g., online, print, or any other type of media);



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- Translated election material;
- Conduct regarding election or candidate information forums, or lack thereof;
- Ballot box location selection (unless the challenge is related to ADA compliance);
- Email forwarding of NC election material;
- Ballot design;
- NC-endorsed election procedures or policies;
- NC bylaws;
- Stakeholder qualifications to vote;
- DONE-approved outreach material;
- Campaign expenditure(s);
- Use of LA City logo, City Clerk logo, DONE logo, or NC logo if used on a website as identification for an active link to click through to the City, DONE or NC website, social media page, etc.;
- Negative campaigning, including social media posts.
- Endorsements and sample ballots created by and/or distributed by stakeholders or candidates that ask voters to vote for a specific candidate;
- Ballots postmarked after Election Day;
- Ballots postmarked by Election Day and not received within 10 calendar days thereafter;
- Deficiencies in USPS mail delivery;
- Lack of mailing address; or
- Conduct of an all Vote-By-Mail election.

Note that the City Clerk is responsible for addressing and enforcing election-related rules and regulations. When reviewing submitted challenges, the City Clerk will take into consideration whether an alleged violation was previously addressed by the City Clerk and/or DONE and if either department had an opportunity to provide effective relief.