

**DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD
EMPOWERMENT WITNESS STATEMENT FORM**

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Grievance # _____
Witness Form # _____

Witness Name: Brian Allen

Contact Number: _____

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Grievances are defined as set forth in the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.818.

"The following information contained herein is within my own personal knowledge and relates only to facts and circumstances surrounding the Grievance submitted by Garry Fordyce on 11-17-2022 regarding North Hills West Neighborhood Council."

I, Brian Allen, am a resident of Los Angeles and a member of Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council. On October 20, 2022, I attended the North Hills West Neighborhood Council (hereafter referred to as NHWNC) General Board meeting and witnessed the censure of Garry Fordyce. NHWNC failed to properly bring a censure motion to the board due to not following their bylaws. NHWNC bylaws require proper notice to be given, citing specific actions that violate specific rules or regulations along with the motion and naming the requesters of the censure. That was not accomplished. Not only were the violations listed conclusions but there were no specific rules or regulations cited.

I attend most NHWNC meetings, and I have not heard any attempt to establish a good faith determination as required in the bylaws. Looking at the requests for censure, the dates of censure requests were long after the August 2022 Board meeting where a possible attempt to consider censure was made. How do you discuss censure before the request is made?

During the October Board meeting the censure was conducted for, I think, more than an hour. Most of the time was spent by the president reading much of the governing documents. Never were any alleged violations connected to specific rule or regulation.

NHWNC Bylaws, specify that the censure process is not to humiliate or embarrass. All I heard was comments that provided personal feelings about Garry's comments during board meetings. Fact is, I never heard any participation on Garry's part that was not addressing his opinion or position on a matter before the board.

During the censure discussion NHWNC's NEA, John Darnell, Advised the council to discontinue the censure. He was ignored. The only concern of the President was to get the censure passed. Unfortunately, space allotted is insufficient for a complete witness statement or I could say more..

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 11-15-2022

Name: Brian Allen

Signature: _____

Department Review

Date witness form received: _____ Date witness form reviewed: _____

Witness form reviewed by: _____ Grievance number: _____