

To: Arturo Piña, Done Director of Field Operations

ADMIN. SUPPORT SVCS.
DONE

From: Rick Selan

2007 MAR -7 A 9:01

Re: Grievance of 3-5-07 Against VNC

Letter to Mr. Piña

Reply from LA Human Relations

Mr. Piña,

Please share this with Ms. Stevenson or whoever is handling VNC grievances. As with the past grievance, I am requesting Done address this issue as it is not fair for the VNC Grievance Committee to review a grievance against itself. This grievance deals with the interpretation of by laws by the GRUNC / VNC Grievance Chairperson. The PARVAMBERS never responded. I am sorry this issue could not have been resolved in 12/05 but it has been covered up.

4 pages extra

Peace. Case
Rick Selan

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FOR DONE to hear, AND Address, [redacted]

Complaint Against a Neighborhood Council

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Your Name: Rick Selan

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Name of Neighborhood Council the complaint is against: VNC

Are you a stakeholder of this Neighborhood Council? yes

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I have requested VNC appointed Parliamentarian Keith Harrow to determine whether the GRUNC/VNC by laws (the source) do in fact state that the Rules and Election Commission of VNC serve alone a... Date the incident occurred, and the name(s) of person(s) thought to be responsible for the complaint. Grievance Committee. The head of the Rules Committee state this is his interpretation. The parliamentarian has not replied by a certain time as requested. [ongoing complaint since new VNC by laws have been established]. Contrary to Mr. Pina's reply, enclosed is the reply from LA Human Relations.

What remedy or solution are you seeking?

Meeting with DONE / Human Relations regarding the "less than fair play" of the VNC grievance process, the cover up of the Ivan Spiegel - Naomi Nightingale cover up grievance and other grievances filed.

Signature

March 5, 2007

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From: Rick Selan <penguins21@ca.rr.com>
Subject: **REPLIES BY HUMAN RELATIONS AND DONE AS GRIEVANCE IS FILED AGAINST VNC PARLIAMENTARIAN
BASED ON DECISION NOT TO INTERPRET BY LAWS**

Date: March 5, 2007 3:02:16 PM PST

To: Arturo Pina <Arturo.Pina@lacity.org>

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From: LA HUMAN RELATIONS 3-5-07

Hi Rick, my colleague Gary De La Rosa will be the lead on this issue, with myself and Joumana Silyan-Saba as his support. Gary's contact information is gary.delarosa@lacity.org and he can be reached at (213) 978-1660. I am copying him on this email and will forward him all pertinent information relating to your grievance process concerns. Thanks!

Victoria

On Mar 5, 2007, at 2:31 PM, Rick Selan wrote:

Penguin Educational Advocates (310) 396-5164
"Ubi Ignus est?" 1815 Glyndon Ave.
Date: 03-05-07 Venice, CA 90291

To: Arturo Pina, DONE Director of Field Operations
Victoria Minetta/ Patricia Villasenor, LA Human Relations
Carol Baker Sharp, DONE Incoming General Manager

From: Rick Selan, Educational Advocate

Re: Fairness of VNC Grievance System

Dear Mr. Pina, 3-5-07

Thank you for your response.

As the GRVNC Grievance Committee is composed of two of the individuals who have set me up at a previous educational grievance hearing, I have spoken to Victoria Minetta at Human Relations and Deanna Stevenson from DONE. My perception from Human Relations and from the VNC DONE Advocate was different than your response below.

It is sad Ms. Stevenson did not keep her word regarding these education grievances as she informed me she would intervene contrary to your second paragraph. I will file another education grievance against the VNC Parliamentarian this afternoon on the interpretation of the VNC by laws to determine whether this group of three is in fact the group who should be addressing these education grievances. Why did DONE wait until the last minute to alter the perception given by Ms. Stevenson?

Might Ms. Stevenson been playing two sides against the middle? Ms. Stevenson informed me she would assist me with these education grievance hearings to make them fair, if I would stop writing about any involvement she might have (had) as PROP K Representative working in the LAUSD District 3 Office regarding Walgrove Elementary property. The Walgrove grievances are being held March 19, 2007 and witnesses will be present.

To: Donyale Hall, MVCC Done Supervisor
VNC

From: Rick Selan

Re: VNC Grievance

① Ethics / SLANDER / Retaliation

Ms. Hall

Please give copies of grievance

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**Re: LACES MATH TEACHER SETS BAD EXAMPLE FOR VENICE
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A letter by Mr. Koslow will be sent to LAUSD District 3 requesting safety and inspection updated reports for all schools in the VNC boundary. He gave a "send out" date no later than March 30, 2007.

Ms. Pollack Erickson with assistance before hand from Mr. Chris Williams, advocate for neighbors opposed to St. Joseph Center at Lincoln and Flower, will go to the VNC Board to get approval to send out a letter to neighborhood schools of the impact on the safety of the children in the Venice-Mar Vista Community, as a result of St. Joseph's Drop-In Center. This motion passed 2-0.

Mr. Kosolow will have a report on his LAUSD investigation of the Walgrove Park and Jogging Area on March 15, 2007 and why community, parents, and children are denied access to this park and jogging track built with Prop K funds. These funds are public, and Ven Mar and/ or Friends of Walgrove informed community this track and park, which sits idle after school, on weekends and during school breaks was to be open three years ago. This track has also been requested by the physically challenged and elderly in the area as a safe walking track.

Ms. Pollack Erickson brought Ms. Tanya Anton to make a presentation. Ms. Anton, an educational activist mommy in the MVCC Mar Vista Beethoven area, assists young parents with how to survive in LAUSD with a book she has written. Ms. Anton was quite charming and a very sharp business person. Ms. Anton is interested in a parent forum to help out young parents to bring back local parents to local schools.

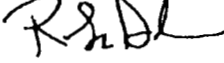
This advocate suggested that this be a Venice-Mar Vista NC combined project where all PTAs, booster clubs, etc. send parents to a forum designed by former Parent Collaborative Chairperson Bill Ring who is one of a few who has the trust of both the community and LAUSD. If Mr. Ring would consider this undertaking, either a late May or late September forum would be practical. Rather than rush, the quality of the product and proper organization is more important than a few months.

As there has never been a MVCC-VNC collaborative event, what might be more appropriate than a educational forum to bring back community kids to community schools with a focus also on safe passage. This might be a good next step after the outstanding forum of spring 2006 put on by MVCC Education under current MVCC Chairperson Rob Kadota and Amy Lawrence, former Education Chair with the help of School Board President Marlene Canter and District 3 Superintendent Grace Strauther. Peace. CARE.

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In unity for accountability,

Rick Selan



must we see the need for nonviolent gadflies to create the kind of tension in society that will help men rise from the dark depths of prejudice and racism to the majestic heights of understanding and brotherhood."

Martin Luther King, Jr.
"Letter from Birmingham Jail"
April 16, 1963