

**DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD
EMPOWERMENT WITNESS STATEMENT FORM**

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Grievance # _____
Witness Form # _____

Witness Name: Steve Slutzah Contact Number: [REDACTED]
Mailing Address: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]
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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.”

As an individual and member of the public I am making this statement as the result of attending two North Hills West Neighborhood Council meetings held on September 15th and October 20 2022. At those meetings I witnessed the public humiliation of Garry Fordyce a NHWNC Board Member. The Chairperson refused numerous requests to record these meetings. I can only assume this is not to have an accurate record of what transpires at these meetings. The only record is taken by an individual who seems to have a personal vendetta against Mr. Fordyce.

The meeting on September 15th was a round table discussion on "things I don't like about Garry Fordyce". The majority of Garry's complaints were in regard to his attempt to have the board comply with their bylaws and the Brown Act.

In my opinion, the meeting on October 20 was a kangaroo court to censure Mr. Fordyce even after John Darnell the NEA Rep advised the Board that they had not followed proper procedure. During the censure discussion the chairperson silenced a board member who objected to the proceedings by arbitrarily muting her in mid-sentence. The censure covered approximately 86 instances of generalities going back 8 years with no substantive proof. When one board member asked to change her vote, the NEA rep stepped in because she was being denied her right to change her vote.

This Board continues to violate their own bylaws by changing meeting times arbitrarily and in conflict with required postings. Everyone has the right to speak and voice their opinions at Council meetings. It seems that this board does not share that opinion.

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

Date: 11/17/2022

Name: Steve Slutzah Signature: [REDACTED]

Department Review

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

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