

Communication from Public

Name: Brenda

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Mrs Rodriguez, I firmly believe a state , local or government ID should be required for every election. After 9/11 we were all required to carry identification with us at all times. There's many things in life we cannot do without identification such as pick up tickets at will call, open an account, and many times doctors offices require identification. Requiring identification provides integrity To our election process. After the 2020 election the cost any amount of time to verify fraud is more in Normas than the cost and time to just present at ID at the time of voting. Our previous STNC election we showed up at North Valley city Hall and staff verified our identification before giving us a pallet of. If you really wanted to make it more fair and a better opportunity for stakeholders, he would extend the voting hours to be present to vote. The window in the prior election and only having one day was not beneficial to those who work. So I would ask that you would hold strong and verify voters will identification and the opportunity to vote in person for those who not do not want to scan and download their ID. If it's difficult for someone to obtain state ID, the city / state needs to make that process easier and more simplified for those that face a challenge. Thank you Brenda Jahelka.

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Name: Resident of Sunland Tujunga

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Comments for Public Posting: I think this motion is very unfair. It says the STNC requires photo ID when if you had bothered to look up the bylaws, it does not (see page 20 of the STNC Bylaws at STNC.org). It says provide "acceptable documentation" This bylaw was passed around 2016 because we had a contentious election that had a turn out twice as large as the previous election or the subsequent one in 2019 after the requirement was passed. No one here liked the onerous process that the City Clerks office set up for vote by mail only. That is the system the City and or Empower LA set up for us. If the City clerk required a photo ID that is the City Clerk's fault. For you to single out one NC and trash your own constituents and insinuate this was our idea and we purposely suppressed voting and put it in a motion stinks.

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Name: ANON

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Comments for Public Posting: This is disgusting overreach by a corrupt LA City official. "DefUnd the Police" Monica Rodriquez is pandering to domestic terrorists with her interference in NC elections. Her "friends" are mad they couldn't win an election without cheating so they are DEMANDING the election rules be changed to suit themselves- Just like Democrat lies about Voter ID laws in Georgia, Monica continues to push the lie that ID is some how racist or "suppression". Most, if not all, bylaws and Standing rules in the NC have come about PRECISELY because of what Monica is doing now- Voter interference. NC elections should NEVER be influenced or corrupted by outside voters- In the past, certain groups have literally bused people from outside a community so they could vote in another NC election. The fact that Monica is pandering to groups that are literally terrorizing our communities show her to be every bit as evil as they are - This disgusting piece of legislation over reach needs to be thrown out-

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Name: Evelyn Serrano

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for this motion. I am a resident in Sunland-Tujunga and was a member of our STNC Elections Committee. Our NC's requirement for documentation, beyond the application proved to be an insurmountable obstacle for many in our community and added to the complexity of the vote by mail process. I was told by members of our board that the documentation requirement was in place to keep out folks who are not stakeholders in our community. However, it had the chilling effect of keeping OUR stakeholders OUT of the process. Many were not willing to submit private information via email, mail, or fax. Many simply didn't have access to computers or scanners or copiers, especially our community's elders. Eventhough our Elections Committee did as much as we could to create how to videos in 3 languages, offer guidance in requesting the ballot and submitting documentation, etc, we continued to hear from our neighbors about their frustration with the process. Many decided to not participate. And others submitted the "wrong" documentation. I am curious about other approaches to empowering our neighbors to receive ballots by mail with ease, in the same way we receive our ballots with our voter registration, if we so choose. The cost of outreaching to voters in our community was approximately \$10,000. I wonder if a more cost effective solution might have been for the City to automatically mail a ballot to all registered voters while partnering with the school district to make sure that 16 yo + know that, in Sunland Tujunga, they can vote in our elections. The fact that local elections are handled so differently from other election cycles disenfranchises folks AND makes it so the number of folks engaged is much lower that it should/could be. The fact that we got 800+ folks to request a ballot this year is seen as an accomplishment because neighboring leaders are been elected by only 6 or 7 voters. These are ALL dreadfully low numbers given that we have 17K households in our community. In essence, only between 2-4% of our neighbors voted in this election. That has consequences in terms of democratic representation. In a community like ours, where we have such small numbers of Black, Indigenous and other people of color, this represents a clear disenfranchisement and suppression of minority voices and votes. The elections process should not be determined by individual NCs and the agendas of individual Board members.

There should be a uniform process across all NCs that privileges and maximizes voter access to participate in local governance. We need our neighbors to engage with their vote. Eliminate all barriers to making this a reality.