

# WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

August 12, 2020

Agenda Item #11

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From: **Lisa Chapman**  
Date: Tue, Jun 23, 2020 at 10:20 PM  
Subject: Grievance Matter  
To: Lisa Chapman

Dear North Westwood Neighborhood Council Board Members,

I am a stakeholder within your NC boundaries. My husband and I own a store in Westwood Village, and I am employed at UCLA Health.

I wish to file a grievance with your council, per your by-law instructions.

Article XI: Grievance Process

“Any grievance by a stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the board who shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular council meeting”

It has come to my attention that the president of your board, Michael Skiles, no longer meets the requirements of the renter seat which he holds. I understand that he has not met his renter status seat requirements for quite some time, when he moved from Westwood many months ago. I directly emailed Mr. Skiles months ago regarding this matter, and he did not return my email, nor answered my question on his seat status.

Mr. Skiles, to date, has not publicly declared this fact at any of your board meetings, which is required per your by-laws:

Article V Governing Board  
Section 10

“Any member of the board who ceases to to be a stakeholder is required to submit his or her resignation to the board for discussion and action at a board meeting”

“However board members who remain stakeholders but whose stakeholder status has shifted may serve out the remainder of their term in the seat to which they were elected or selected”

Mr. Skiles is no longer a stakeholder in Westwood.

I understand that his on-line business now uses a business address located in a building owned by another of your board members, Mr. Alex Helmi. This just happened recently, after my email to Mr. Skiles questioning his seat status. In my opinion, this is similar to someone who uses someone else's address to get their child into a better school district.

Please place this grievance matter on your next meeting agenda, to be heard before the entire board for discussion and action. At this meeting, I am also requesting that each of your board members publicly declares that they still meet the requirements of their seat. If any of your board members are absent at this meeting, they will need to have their written statement read aloud publicly.

I have sent this via email to the addresses on your EmpowerLA page, so please make sure all of your board members are listed here as that list may not be up to date.

Thank you in advance for your diligent and quick response to this very important matter.

Best regards,  
Lisa Chapman