

MARK WERNDORF

Candidate for G.G.P.C.C. Board, Area B

I have lived in the East Hollywood area since 1988. I have 3 children, a 16 year old and a 6 and 5 year old, the 6 and 5 year olds are enrolled at Franklin elementary school.

I have lived at the corner of Franklin and Edgemont in the house with the white picket fence since 2000 and did the remodel and restoration myself.

In 1990 I opened the Daily Plant Bookshop located at the corner of Franklin Ave and Tamarind St. I still own and operate this small neighborhood business today.

However the Daily Planet is not really my career. It was a project I started 16 years ago as a side business. For the most part it is run by managers that I made partners 8 years ago.

I'm an employee of the L. A. Dept. of Water and Power for the past 28 years. I have been a high voltage lineman and electric troubleman for over 23 years. My current position is a Safety Supervisor in the Power System Safety Section.

I am seeking a position on the GGPCC Board because I believe my experience working for the City of L.A. has given me an understanding of how our city government delivers services to its stake holders. I have worked closely with colleagues in other City Departments such as street lighting, sanitation, street maintenance, traffic control and public works. I understand the scope and particularities of delivering these vital city services.

I am seeking to represent area B of the GGPCC. This area is a diverse transitional area that borders Hollywood Blvd. This area has not always received its share of city services in a timely manor. It has lacked leadership do to its mixed make up of apartments and houses.

Issues such as handicap corner curbs have been installed mainly on side streets and not prioritized to the streets with high pedestrian traffic. Speed bumps seem to be installed on streets that have the most consensus or are being repaved and not the streets with the most speeders.

I believe a city as large as L.A. must address city service with grass roots involvement. Locally created needs analysis should replace the practice of "the squeaky wheel" or random and "level of ease" as a way of setting priorities.

I plan to personally inspect, take digital pictures, email appropriate city service managers. Then report to the larger Board as well as the stake holders, the needs and the progress o the public safety and quality of life issues in area B.