

GGPNC Candidate Statement For Philip Gasteier

I have been a Los Feliz resident for 19 years. I am dedicated to preserving the essential qualities and values of this neighborhood as a unique part of a changing Los Angeles. Among these I consider the openness and fairness of its people, the history and scale of its built environment, and the beauty and accessibility of its parks and river to be among the key attributes. If Los Feliz is ever allowed to become just another place like everywhere else, we will all have lost something precious.

I am also dedicated to organizing and promoting the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council and the neighborhood council system in general for the greater good of this neighborhood and the City of Los Angeles. I was one of the organizers of the GGPNC and a member of its interim board prior to its certification as an official neighborhood council more than four years ago. I am presently an appointed member of the GGPNC Board, and have been active in the Bylaws Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee, among other areas.

The chief role of a neighborhood council should be to facilitate communication between the stakeholders of the neighborhood and the Los Angeles City government and agencies. This means listening to the stakeholders, alerting them to issues, effectively communicating their concerns to the City, and where appropriate organizing them to action. I am proud of the efforts of the GGPNC in these and other areas, such as neighborhood beautification, protection of parks and open space, traffic control and monitoring development. The effectiveness of these efforts is due to an active committee system and the dedication and work of committed members. I intend to continue to work to promote outreach to the various constituencies of this community, to facilitate the flow of information to stakeholders, and to assist stakeholders in becoming involved and in getting their views heard for the benefit of all in the neighborhood.