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In my nearly four years as a GGPNC Board member I have created and maintained the www.GGPNC.org website, sent out the twice monthly e-mails to stakeholders as well as setting up the GGPNC voicemail line (323-908 6054) and our PO Box (27003 LA 90027). I also served one term as Secretary of the GGPNC.

I am a native Angeleno, and have lived and worked in the Franklin Hills and Los Feliz communities for nearly 40 years. My interest in the governmental process led me to major in government at Columbia University. From there I went to work for ABC News... transferring from NY (where I wrote the words that came out of a young Peter Jennings' mouth) to the ABC network news bureau in LA in 1967. I covered everything from the first manned space flights, to the JFK and RFK assassinations, to the OJ verdict.

Since my semi-retirement I have had more time to devote to community matters. In addition to my GGPNC service, I have served as the Treasurer of the Franklin Hills Residents Association for 16 years and am also the FHRA Webmaster and e-mail minder as well as curator of our collection of historic area photos and frequent contributor of both text and photos to the FHRA newsletter the *Overview*.

I have been Secretary, Webmaster and legal chair of the Los Feliz Estates Owners Association since shortly after I reluctantly moved from the Franklin Hills in 1994. I ran out of space for my collections of old TVs and other stuff and needed a bigger place.

I have owned properties in the Franklin Hills (now rented) since 1970 and even my tenants seem to think I'm pretty good as a landlord.

In the mid '90s I was Treasurer of the GLFAC a little remembered organization that in some respects could be considered a predecessor of the GGPNC. The Greater Los Feliz Area Coalition was formed to bring together the many groups in our community... LFIA, FHRA, LFVBID, The Oaks, Laughlin Park, LFEOA, etc...

Our goals were noble, but as other board members' interest drifted away the group drifted into oblivion after a couple of years. Our failure, perhaps, that we didn't do enough to reach out to involve those outside the groups or prove a real reason for our existence.

My goal would be for the GGPNC to avoid those failures by getting a wider circle of stakeholders interested and involved. And in leading the way for our communities to have a strong united voice heard at City Hall where it counts.

In our first four years we've had some successes...notably our SRO public forum which resulted in saving the last Brown Derby. It clearly showed a united community's clout, but I feel we are still spending too much time on tedious process and not enough on implementing the promise of neighborhood councils. Part of this, of course, is growing pains and a lot of other NC's have done a lot worse, but this community has the talent and expertise to do better. The fact that you read all the way down to the bottom means you're one of the good folks...now get your neighbors as interested in the GGPNC as you are.

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