

Victor (Tor) Hyams
2008 GGPNC “AT LARGE” CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Position: At Large Appointed Member

My name is Tor Hyams and I am a homeowner, dad and entertainment industry professional. Most recently, I was appointed the chair of the transportation committee which I am embracing with enthusiasm and a true desire to help the community. Already, I have visited several sites of citizens who have concerns and issues regarding traffic and transportation. In the 7 1/2 years I have lived in the neighborhood, I feel I have developed a distinct sense for the needs of our community.

Aside from the issues described below, I am also particularly interested in helping the GGPNC’s goal to achieve further reach into the community. I believe the more stakeholders that take an active interest and role in issues will only help us all achieve our goals within the Council. I am also quite focused on the following areas; Transportation, Being green, and Crime Prevention.

Transportation: Serving as the Chair for the transportation committee has made me aware that there are many stakeholders who have issues regarding traffic, public transportation and parking. It is my intention to continue my due diligence, uncover and address the most serious first, interface with city personnel and work to resolve those issues, whether they affect the entire community or are just felt by one particular block. I have already made inroads to the above and met with several concerned citizens.

Being Green: Though the “carbon footprint” happens to be a global issue, there is certainly much to be done on the local level that can help achieve a much wider resolve. Whether it’s planting trees or solarizing our homes and businesses, it is a worthwhile endeavor to preserve our immediate surroundings and, ultimately, the planet.

Crime prevention: Our neighborhood has been subjected to a plethora of petty crime. Statistically, petty crime can be largely prevented simply by adding street lights to dark streets and forming neighborhood crime watch organizations. Most street criminals are deterred if the environment is well lit. Simple things like locking doors and communicating with your neighbors can also help prevent crime as well. Statistics show that even Crime Watch signs can prevent criminal activity. Permit parking has also been shown to reduce petty theft as well. Let’s show everyone that we, as a neighborhood, will not stand for crime of any kind.

Serving on the Neighborhood Council is a privilege and I would be honored to be appointed so I may assist in serving the interests of our community.

-Tor Hyams