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Prior to getting married and becoming the mother of three daughters I spent many years in the marketing departments of several major music publishing and record companies including A&M Records, Elektra Records and MCA Music. During the past ten years I have put that experience to use as a community volunteer and activist. In December 2008 I will be awarded a B.A. in Anthropology with a focus on Social Organization and Urban Planning by Cal State University Los Angeles. I am a founding member of the Los Feliz Square Neighborhood Association. I am a certified yoga instructor, licensed hairdresser, hobby gardener, chef and photographer.

In addition to my studies at CSULA and running a household, I donate time to my children's schools, the family's synagogue, Temple Israel of Hollywood and other community organizations. With the help of many other parent volunteers I raised over \$50,000 as Chair of the largest annual fundraiser for my children's school. As a certified yoga instructor I established a pre-natal yoga course for the mothers and babies at La Posada, a residential facility for new single mothers, and I worked with at-risk youth both at My Friends Place in Hollywood and The Bresee Youth Center near downtown Los Angeles. My most heartbreaking but rewarding work experience occurred in 1997 when for a year I was the daily care provider for my friend, a 35 year old, terminally ill single mother.

I have served as a Trustee for several organizations including The Zone Club, a non-profit organization established for the purpose of uniting the information technology community in southern California, LA Shares, a non-profit organization dedicated to redistribution of goods to organizations that need them, and Pacific Hills High School, an urban private high school dedicated to a racially and economically diverse population through a generous scholarship program.

My own experience as an at-risk youth, the years I spent as a single mother and my experience as a care-provider working with the county galvanized my commitment to help those in need. My personal and professional undertakings have given me deep, first-hand experience with several different types of government programs. These experiences have given me unique insight into picking efficient private programs, which provide the most positive impact for the intended beneficiaries.

I have lived in Hollywood for 30 years, the past 10 years in Silverlake and Los Feliz; my husband and I have built our family, our home and our dreams here. I am excited about all the new development in our neighborhood. However with such development, it is important to work together to create win-win-win situations for all of the neighborhood stakeholders. Los Feliz is coveted for its unique history and charm and it is my goal to help maintain these qualities while embracing the area's new growth. Therefore, I believe I can help enhance the professionalism and productivity of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council.