

Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood
Candidate Statement

Board Seat:
District D Representative
Date Qualified: 05/21/08

First Name: PHILIP

Last Name : GASTEIER

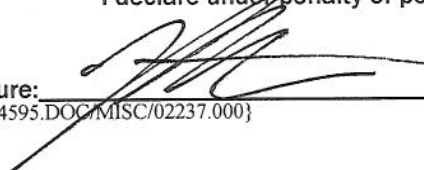
GGPNC Candidate Statement -- PHILIP GASTEIER

I have been a Los Feliz resident for 21 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 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, and I have been a Board Member for the past four years. I am presently Vice President, Administration, and a member of the Executive Committee of the GGPNC.

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. Our power is in helping people get their voice heard. I am proud of the efforts of the GGPNC in areas such as protection of parks and open space, monitoring development, neighborhood beautification, and traffic control. The effectiveness of these efforts is due to an active committee system and the dedication and work of committed volunteers. 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. I would appreciate your vote so that I can continue to do this as a GGPNC Board Member.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: 

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