

Board Seat:  
DISTRICT C  
REPRESENTATIVE  
Qualified Date: 05/22/08

# Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council

## Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Candidate Statement

First Name: Kathryn

Last Name: Louyse

Nearly two years ago I ran for a board seat based on the fact that, as a board member of the Friends of the Los Feliz Library, I had a vested interest in the community.

Having been a GGPNC board member for awhile, I've come to realize just how important Griffith Park is within the community, and I'm not just speaking about the Los Feliz area but, the greater Los Angeles community.

When the fire destroyed nearly 1,000 acres of the park about a year ago, many individuals felt as though they had lost a dear friend. People came together to see how they could help the park back to good health. Sitting in board meetings, listening to all sides, all issues, I came to realize that it does take a concerted effort to maintain this treasured and very unique park, and that it will take time to bring the park back. There is much work to be done, and I've always been willing to roll up my sleeves and do whatever it takes to get the job done.

However, Griffith Park is not the only issue facing the community. As Los Feliz has grown, problems have emerged or worsened. Traffic on major corridors (Hillhurst, Vermont, Franklin, Los Feliz and Hollywood) continues to increase, leading to more accidents and pedestrian safety issues. Residents are discussing the possibility of installing PPDs to allow themselves more access to their streets. As with other communities, safety in ones' neighborhood is becoming a larger issue. There are problems, but there are also solutions. As a GGPNC board member, I feel I have a contribution to make toward preserving and enhancing the community.

I would like to continue to contribute my time and energy to ensuring the long-term health and viability of Griffith Park. I hope you will agree that this is a unique urban wilderness worth protecting, and allow me to continue to work toward preservation of our park, and, by extension, the preservation of the quality of life in the Los Feliz community.

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

Signature: 

Date: 5/21/08

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT**