

Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC)
Candidate Statement

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I wanted this to be about my hope and vision, rather than about my resume (though, I do have one of those).

I'm MARK MAUCERI, as a 'Write-In' my odds of being elected are slim. So why bother?.. I've lived in some great neighborhoods: Greenwich Village, Washington's Dupont Circle, Paris' Le Marais (briefly). When my family moved here nearly two years ago it was to be brief-- our household went from 2 to 5 in 14 mos.-- But we are charmed by the soul and depth of the Los Feliz area. So our 'short stay' here has been extended. In-definitely. It's a good place to live. I believe a GGPNC Representative should TAKE PRIDE THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, but also get to know ALL THE AREAS that make up The Council. I do and I have.

We're on the precipice of going "from good to great;" a walk-able neighborhood regarded as one of the best places to live in L.A. True, like any urban area we have issues: PARKING, TRAFFIC, CRIME, BLIGHT, GRAFFITI, SCHOOL OVERCROWDING, etc. It's been said: "For every complex problem, there is an answer that is clear, simple-- and wrong;" I find this to be genuine wisdom. So, to take this tiny white space and try to convince you I have instant solutions to some of our woes would be politicking without the facts. What I do know is careful review, along with studying other areas that are successful in combating similar situations is always a good start. An effective GGPNC Representative must be PRAGMATIC. I am.

One sees much taking the time to WALK through our districts. I've seen our elderly struggle on Talmadge Street with high, crumbling curbs that were never made handicap accessible, or a mother wheel her kids into the street through an Auto Zone entrance because there isn't a curb cut on Hollywood & Hillhurst. Hollywood & Hillhurst? An effective GGPNC Representative must be PROACTIVE, someone who won't wait for a request before acting to help residents, especially the elderly. See a problem, fix the problem. I will.

Neighborhood Councils work best when they're engaged in all aspects of the community, not just pet projects. We should ask why our Council areas have hardly any playgrounds outside Griffith Park? And why is driving a car there the only practical option? Does every resident family own more than one car? Perhaps more DASH bus service could help take some SUVs off that parking lot we call Los Feliz Boulevard? Griffith Park is a great asset, and should be protected from over development at all costs. But we are more than a park. With Vermont and Hillhurst Avenues acting as our 'high' streets, we must find the balance between our resident community and commercial interests. An effective GGPNC representative must have vision, the ability to gather consensus, and the perseverance to see things through. I can.

The GGPNC needs diversity. It needs to reflect the community geographically, ethnically and economically. It needs 'new blood' that looks at things from a fresh perspective. Balance. 'Out-of-the-Box' thinking dissipates the longer one's been in 'The Box.' Strength through diversity is the fiber of our society. I'm a Write-In Candidate, so a sample ballot is shown below. Help me beat the odds for a better Los Feliz / GGPNC.

TO VOTE FOR ME MY NAME, MARK MAUCERI MUST BE WRITTEN ONTO THE BALLOT:

Mark Mauceri
Write-In Candidate / Candidato por voto escrito
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: Date:

CANDIDATE STATEMENT