

Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council

Board Seat: District A Representative  
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Candidate Statement  
Date Qualified: 05/22/2008

First Name: Bernadette Last Name: Soter

**Bernadette Soter – District A**

I love Los Feliz and Northeast Los Angeles, have been a resident of District A since 1987, and treasure Griffith Park. For the past 18 months, I have served on the Board of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council and have been Chair of its Parks, River and Open Space Committee (PROS). In 2007-2008 our grass roots advocacy:

- Convinced the Mayor to restore the 50% cuts proposed in the Park Ranger Division, so essential to Griffith Park's security, fire safety and public enjoyment.
- Worked to remove greenhouse gas emissions from the annual DWP Light Festival in Griffith Park. The hugely enjoyable, people-powered 2007 pilot walking program was a direct result of our efforts.
- Helped turn back the issuance of a permit to serve alcohol at Griffith Observatory.
- Helped to shape a Master Plan process for Griffith Park that is open and places emphasis on the preservation and sustainable enjoyment of this extraordinary asset.
- Secured funds towards the Griffith Park Fire Recovery to help pay for the removal of toxic non-native plants and the erection of interpretive trail signing in the burn area.
- Boosted turnout at the Los Feliz Bridge site of FoLAH's annual L.A. River Clean-Up.
- Published two issues of the *Griffith Park Advisor*, a newsletter reporting on Park issues

Currently, I am helping to marshal support for the Griffith Park Wildlife Management Plan, am monitoring the L.A. River Master Plan and am working closely with our council's Planning & Zoning Committee and other groups to achieve our shared goals. It is hard work and there are tasks to be completed. I am asking you for your vote. If I am re-elected to the Board I will continue to work tirelessly to bring the wishes and concerns of the Los Feliz/Franklin Hills/Griffith Park community to the attention of the City.

**PERSONAL:** BORN Los Angeles, California. GRADUATED University of California at Los Angeles. RESIDENT of Los Feliz since 1987 MEMBER Los Feliz Improvement Association, Friends of the Los Feliz Library, Friends of the Observatory, the Sierra Club. AUTHOR *The Light of Learning: An Illustrated History of the Los Angeles Public Library*, Copyright, 1993, Library Foundation of Los Angeles.

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

Signature: Bernadette Soter Date: 5-19-2008

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT**