

**Jenner Jones**  
**2009 GGPNC “At Large” Candidate Statement**

My name is Jenner Jones. I have lived 19 years on the corner of Price and Commonwealth in Los Feliz. I have watched Los Feliz go through a tremendous growth, and I have witnessed many changes in these 19 years. I feel grateful for the richness the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood brings me.

I received a BA degree from UCSB in 1980 and moved to Los Angeles in 1987. I have over 20 years of experience in the legal field. I have worked at small and large law firms from Century City to downtown as a litigation secretary. I have an array of legal experience from personal injury and construction defect, to labor and employment, bank fraud, tax and probate. I feel my legal background has given me the ability to communicate with people from many different walks of life. I have recently retired and would now have more time to work for GGPNC.

For many years I have been an advocate for my son who has Asperger Syndrome. I navigated my way through LAUSD in the late eighties and early nineties advocating for Ian’s needs at a time when autism was very little understood and unsupported. In 1995 and 1996, I worked with my friends of 27 years, Portia Iversen and Jonathon Shestack to help them bring autism to the forefront. Through their tireless work, their foundation **Cure Autism Now** became a worldwide movement. I continue to advocate for my son and support my friends in their cause to spread awareness around the world about autism.

In seeking a board position on the GGPNC, I seek to work with like minded neighbors who wish to protect and see the future flourish here in Los Feliz and the greater Griffith Park area. I have attended a past transportation committee meeting voicing my particular concerns of traffic problems along Commonwealth as they affect the neighbors and the many school children walking to and from Franklin Avenue School. I gathered approximately 60 signatures of neighbors who were concerned about our traffic situation on Commonwealth. If elected to the council, I would work with members to achieve further long term traffic projects which would help ensure the safety of the neighbors and residents of the village. I want to see the neighborhood continue to grow in ways that benefit all who live here, the elders, the young entrepreneurs, the working moms and dads and especially the children.

Again, my goals and objectives for seeking the at large position on the GGPNC are to represent the Council in its work to protect and nurture this special neighborhood and to address issues affecting the quality of our lives. In the larger picture, I would like to help the Council achieve a further reach into the community. I would like to see the GGPNC become a representation to the Los Angeles community of a successful Neighborhood Council that works together on improvement and beautification projects, crime prevention and local green programs that ensure our children and neighbors remain safe and proud that they live in the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood.

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