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GGPNC Candidate Statement  
Cengizhan Karacuha  
Candidate for the Position of Business Interests

My name is Cengizhan Karacuha and I have been a business owner in Los Feliz since 1987. My parents and I started The Golden Needle Tailoring here twenty-two years ago. My father Harun himself was a very well known and liked personality throughout the whole Los Feliz community until his passing late last year. We as a family and I as an individual have been working together, hand-in-hand with other business owners here for over two decades. I am very familiar with the Los Feliz Community, its businesses and interests, knowing most of the owners by their first names for numerous years now.

I currently own and operate the business known as CopyCat, located at 2046 Hillhurst Ave, with my brother Jay. We have been doing so since 2003 and throughout the years, we have always looked to build relationships with other business owners and the great residents of Los Feliz. We have always valued our great community ties and are truly a part of Los Feliz. My wife Maricela herself has been working at the Albertson's supermarket for over twenty-five years now. She is currently the Deli Manager and knows many of the residents and business owners by their first names.

I have also ran my own embroidery studio on Hillhurst Ave from 1995-2003. At the time, I had been granted the exclusive rights to the TITANIC bath towels and bathrobe memorabilia from Mrs Irmelin DiCapprio herself. I had numerous mentions for my work on the TITANIC memorabilia and an exclusive interview published by the LA Times.

If I was to be voted in for the Position of Business Interests on the behalf of the GGPNC, I would continue to work together with the other business owners within the Los Feliz Community to address the necessary changes needed to improve the appeal, partnerships and the business aspect of the entire community. We as a community and in particular as business owners need to intensify our relationships and come together to solve the issues facing us. I understand that I can not work any miracles by myself, but that together we can make a change and a difference within this great community, one step at a time.