

GGPNC Candidate Statement – **Tal Vigderson**  
RECREATION or AT LARGE POSITION  
2009 Appointments

Griffith Park is a special place; “a place of recreation and rest for the masses, a resort for the rank and file,” as intended by Colonel Griffith when he donated over 3,000 acres to the City of Los Angeles in 1896 to create the largest municipal park in the world.

I’ve been a resident of this area for 20 years and a homeowner in the Franklin Hills for the last 13. I’m an almost daily user of the park. If I’m not hustling up a game of tennis at the Vermont Canyon or Riverside courts, I’m hiking up Mount Hollywood or Mount Lee with my dog Riley. I love this neighborhood. I’m an avid traveler but I always look forward to returning to Los Feliz because there’s truly no other place like it in the world. Where else can you find this diversity of architecture, people, language and culture in such proximity?

I have been on the board of the GGPNC since 2006. I want to continue my involvement with the community and expand on my work with the counsel.

My goals as a board member have been and will continue to be to learn as much as I can about the issues that concern the Greater Griffith Park area so that I can help preserve what is best about our neighborhood and the park. I want to continue to do what I can to limit any development in the park. If you’ve ever stood atop Mount Hollywood at sunset on a clear day and surveyed the vast open spaces while a coyote or a cottontail rabbit ran by, you know what’s great about our park. I want to help combat the graffiti problem that seems to be on the rise recently. As a former teacher in the LAUSD I hope to add some insight into the roots of the problem.

I currently split my time between producing animated features through my company, Icebox.com, and representing several writers, producers, actors and production companies as an entertainment attorney. Prior to law school I taught junior high at Bret Harte in South Central Los Angeles, worked in entertainment marketing research and was a real estate photographer in the San Fernando Valley, among other things. I’ve also been a frequent contributor to the Chicken Soup For the Soul series of books.

I appreciate your consideration for this position and if appointed promise to serve with the best of my ability and experience and with as much objectivity as possible.

Thank You