

Rosa M. Arévalo
Grater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council – Non-Residential / Charitable Group
Candidate Statement

My interest in applying for this GGPNC Board position derives initially from my personal interest in seeing to it that Griffith Park -one of the greatest natural urban parks in the US is preserved.

For the past 20+ years I have benefited from the rich recreational, cultural and educational resources that the Park offers. From the magical experience of running through its numerous trails on a weekly (sometimes daily) basis; the visits to the Zoo with 100+ toddlers and preschoolers in awe at the sight of majestic creatures; the attendance to cultural and social events at the Autry Museum; and of course the educational and romantic rendezvous at the Observatory. All of these wonderful experiences urge me to actively participate in preserving the integrity of the surrounding community as a legacy we can share with future generations.

As an immigrant from neighboring México, for the past two decades I have enjoyed the opportunities that this State and City had offered me to further my education and my quality of life. Consequently, I am clearly aware that with such benefits come responsibilities and have taken seriously my citizenship responsibility to participate in government advisory roles at various levels.

I have extensive experience as an active participant in various community action boards: Los Angeles Child Care Planning Committee – Vice chair, Los Angeles Child Abuse Prevention Council– Co-chair, People Organized for Westside Renewal (grassroots community organization) – Board President, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Parish Council - Chair and Youth Organizer.

As an educator with a background in Psychology and Social Work, and working at a State funded non-profit Social Service Organization, I consider myself a strong advocate for children and families. I have experience and a deeply rooted commitment in representing the disadvantaged sectors of the community. I believe that if given the opportunity to be part of the GGPNC I can further develop strong and meaningful collaborations with charitable, cultural and civic organizations and institutions that benefit and have interests in the GGPNC's geographic area. Having participated in several projects to promote cultural and racial diversity awareness and acceptance, I also see myself as a valuable contributing agent to the improvement and unification of the diverse community that the GGPNC represents.

I thank you for your consideration to my application and commend you for your dedication to the improvement of the wonderful Greater Griffith Park Community.

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