

## **Candidate Statement of Nelson Bae, applicant for Recreational Interests and At-Large (8/27/09)**

**After living in areas across the vast spectrum of Los Angeles including Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica, Laurel Canyon and Silverlake, I found the ideal neighborhood of Los Feliz in 2003. Los Feliz represents to me both an oasis in the middle of a massive urban layout as well as a microcosm of the city's diversity. Los Feliz is truly a neighborhood community where I can walk my dogs from the Prospect Stairs in leafy Franklin Hills past the historic Shakespeare Bridge and John Marshall High School through the residential district surrounding Talmadge and Hillhurst down south via our commercial nerve center of Vermont and then back home across from Prospect Studios – all the while under the watchful gaze of Griffith Observatory. This is a daily excursion for me and I constantly marvel at the great cross-section of people mirroring the diversity of Los Angeles as a whole.**

**Just a little about me – I started a music supervision company ten years ago licensing music for videogames and ringtones. I attend almost all the events produced by the Friends of the Griffith Observatory, FHRA community meetings where senior lead officer Al Polehonki speaks and even recently attended a breakfast by the Los Feliz breakfast club for the first time. I was inspired to apply for a board position after reading Allison Cohen's editorial in the most recent issue of the *Los Feliz Ledger*.**

**I have grown very attached to Los Feliz and a position with the GGPNC allows me to serve the community and help maintain its outstanding quality of life. I feel I offer a fresh perspective to the issues surrounding our neighborhood. I have friendships with residents in various areas of Los Feliz as well as relationships with several of the business proprietors on Vermont Ave.**

**I am applying for the recreational interests position as well as an at-large member. Here are some bullet points listing my qualifications:**

- **I have served as college and high school football official in the Los Angeles Unit for the past four years. Every Friday and Saturday between Labor Day and Thanksgiving is spent on a football field officiating games from the Pop Warner youth level to the area junior colleges. I was on the officiating crew for the first night game in Marshall High School's history last year. Pre-game ceremonies included a jersey presentation to Marshall alum Tom Labonge.**
- **After serving as a volleyball official for area junior high/elementary private schools, this will be my first year as a referee for area high school volleyball matches. I aim to rise up the ranks and be considered one of the best in the region. I also officiate youth basketball, soccer and track.**
- **Furthermore, I am a frequent attendee of other forms of recreational activities such as Sunset Junction, the Los Angeles Fair, Los Feliz Street Fair and various music events around the Los Angeles area. I intend to be a representative for all forms of recreation enjoyed by the residents of Los Feliz.**

**In closing, I want to express to the GGPNC that I will be a dedicated and active member of the Council, if appointed. I have a great fondness for Los Feliz and envision myself living here for the long term. I hereby pledge to commit my time and efforts to serve my community within the framework of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council. Thank you for your consideration.**