

Joe Cisneros
Statement of Candidacy for the
Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council Board
as Religious Representative

I am running for a position on the Board as religious representative because I believe in the ideals stated by President John F. Kennedy in his inaugural speech: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

As religious representative I will work closely with the religious community for the betterment of all. This position doesn't just ask of our time or dedication, it asks us to reach out and take care of each other. I will dedicate myself to ensuring the religious community and their concerns will be heard in the community.

Good citizenship begins with participation and Neighborhood Councils are more than committees, minutes, and budgets, they are windows into understanding how to make our community a better place to live. We need only look back at our own beginnings and note that it was just these ideals that animated a young Benjamin Franklin to action. If there is something wrong we need only stand-up with the courage of our conviction to make it right.

I was elected twice to the Board, I have historic and institutional knowledge of the GGPNC. I know the current issues the Board faces. I know what works and I have seen the actions of what doesn't work. It is for this reason I will work as a consensus builder. I know the foundation of all good government is the practical pursuit of such things as safety, paved roads, clean streets and above all else accountability. This election doesn't just represent the passing of the torch but a renewal and commitment to better work in the future. And it is to this that I will dedicate myself too.