

Patrice Filin

Candidate: GGPNC Recreational Interests Seat

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is **Patrice Filin**. I am a French citizen now a permanent resident of the United States, so my written English may not be as good as my spoken English. I live in Los Feliz since 2004. With my wife and new son, this is our home now.

Experience and Qualifications

My background combines recreation and business since I graduate from La Sorbonne with a bachelors in business management and I also receive an economics degree from Virginia's James Madison University while on a full athletic scholarship. At Lycee International de Los Angeles (LILA), I coached numerous sports (tennis, soccer, track & field, basketball...) for four years. I was also **responsible as a teacher and administrator for the Physical Education program** there.

I created and developed a traveling adult soccer team program in 2004, and in 2008 I founded a local non-profit youth soccer development program called the **Hollywood Soccer Academy**. I was involved in helping start the **new Los Feliz AYSO**, and the **FC Barcelona-Los Angeles partnership**. This summer, working through L.A. Recreation & Parks, we launched "Summer Sports Camp 2009" a program in Griffith Park for young people to further develop their Tennis, Soccer, Swimming and Fitness skills. Along with these local programs, I am a founder of an international online social Network called "**World Soccer Connection**," (A "Facebook" for Soccer), which unites thousands of players, coaches and fans from around the world.

Reason for seeking the recreation position

I have been involved with sport since my childhood and learn as much through it as at school the value of teamwork and fair play one should be enriched with. I value sport and education and love coaching all ages. However I have been disappointed by the lack of organized recreational here compared to other areas of L.A. Some schools are doing a better job than others to offer good programs but with the economic landscape and the after school funding cuts, much more must be done through activism. I believe recreation brings the community together, whether through organized activity or by supporting local groups and schools like Marshall H.S. I think more programs are a needed for our citizens.

Vision: Make Los Feliz the most attractive recreational playground for youth and adults.

Goals:

- Optimize the use of available resources.
- Help develop programs (groups-clubs-leagues-tournament-events).

Objectives:

- Determine the needs (survey, feedback, poll).
- Clear review of current recreational programs in our area.
- Help stakeholders start programs at affordable prices.
- Find sponsorships and partnerships.
- Liaise between the community and city representatives to focus on Los Feliz.
- Create and market properly new sports curriculum to keep Los Feliz resident "fit."
- Be the voice of our neighbors for recreation.