

**Victor (Tor) Hyams**  
**2009 GGPNC “AT LARGE” CANDIDATE STATEMENT**  
**Position: At Large Appointed Member**

My name is Tor Hyams and I am a homeowner in Los Feliz of 8 ½ years, father and entertainment industry professional. Since January, I have served as the Chair of the transportation committee and, since March, as an “at large” GGPNC Board member. I embraced both positions with enthusiasm and have had several accomplishments to date, but I have only just begun. I am seeking reappointment so that I may continue the work I’ve started in my capacity as a Board member.

In the above positions, I have observed that the committee work I have participated in and the Board position I have held are intrinsically intertwined; there exists a reciprocal relationship between all the various committees, the Board and solving problems. My position on the Board has afforded me particular and valuable insight to the gamut of issues affecting us all. That insight, combined with direct contact to city officials, has enabled me to accomplish tasks quicker, which ultimately satisfies the needs of our community to a much greater extent.

**Transportation:** Serving as the Chair for the transportation committee, I have helped see a long-term traffic light project (Finley/Hillhurst) to fruition. The light will finally be installed this October and will make that intersection much safer while, quite possibly, also help to control the speed of vehicles on Hillhurst Ave. Working together with the LFIA, I have passed an important motion supporting Tom LaBonge’s Council effort to remove “for sale” cars on both Los Feliz and Franklin Ave’s. Also working with Mr Labonge’s office, I helped several concerned stake-holders acquire a stop sign on the corner of Kingswell and Rodney.

Since April, I have been meeting with representatives from neighborhood councils (NC) city-wide in an effort to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NC’s and the Department of Transportation. I am proud to say that the MOU has now been drafted, which offers a major step forward in communication between the city and stake-holders, ultimately enabling us to have input on early stages of development in several transit related areas.

In addition to the above, I am also particularly interested in helping the GGPNC achieve further reach into the community, help with neighborhood improvement and beautification projects, work on crime prevention and assist in local green programs.

It is my intention to diligently continue the work I have started. I remain firm in my conviction to serve our community and, as we know, the good work is never done. With service as my goal and zeal as my co-pilot, I have developed a unique perspective on the needs of our community. I would be honored to be re-appointed so I may continue that service which I hold dear.

-Tor Hyams