

GGPNC

My name is John F John Jr. I am applying for one of the At Large board positions of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council. Let me start by offering a brief history.

I was born and raised in a small rural farming town in southeast Washington state - Walla Walla. I am a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. After college and ten years of living in Seattle I moved to Los Angeles in 1989. In Los Angeles I have worked mostly in a technical arena of post production.

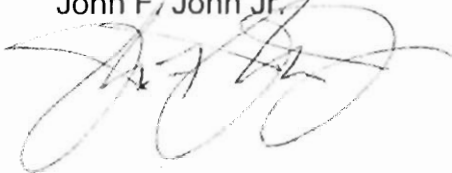
What I offer the GGPNC is a long successful history of collaboration and problem solving. In my professional life I have frequently been in the position of creating and maintaining a consensus among diverse and often competing parties. I have worked around many conference tables where the main challenge is to keep a positive dialogue moving forward and to avoid being sidetracked by personal drama.

I started attending occasional GGPNC board meetings two years ago. In the past six months I've attended every meeting and stayed to the belabored end. I am an active member of the Transportation committee where I see an opportunity to effect actual change for my neighborhood.

In my personal life I have worked with a variety of nonprofit groups including St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Silver Lake Film Festival, and a number of food banks. I am a huge lover and supporter of the arts and early education. I am a member of a Los Feliz Toastmasters club. I am a closet guitar player and writer. I am also an accomplished cook and baker and am not above offering confectionary bribes.

The most important fact I can convey is my love for Los Feliz. I have lived here nine out of my twenty years in Los Angeles. I loved Los Feliz before I even moved to this neighborhood. I love the diversity of cultures, art, and restaurants. I am grateful to have the national treasure of Griffith Park within walking distance. I am grateful for the Armenian deli down the street, the Skylight bookstore, the Vista theater and BLTs at The House of Pie, not to mention the best Thai Food I've ever had anywhere. I want to preserve this cultural garden I call my neighborhood and my home. I want to add to a chorus of voices that communicate our community needs and opinions to the City Council. And I want to help GGPNC return to a positive dialogue of mutual respect.

John F. John Jr.

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