

Jessica Kornberg  
2009 GGPNC Candidate Statement

My name is Jessica Kornberg. I am 27, a lawyer, the Executive Director of a small non-profit, and a new resident in Los Feliz. I love this neighborhood. Most mornings I run in to Griffith Park and up to the Observatory. On days when I am feeling ambitious, I climb the steps from Glendower to Ennis House. I am writing this having just returned from the Barnsdall Park Farmer's Market. I am looking forward to hearing Dave Eggars read from his new book at Skylight Books tomorrow night. I wouldn't live anywhere else.

I've spent most of my adult life without a permanent residence – moving on and off campuses with each term as I pursued my B.A. at Columbia University and my J.D. at UCLA. Now that I'm finally putting down roots I'd like to become more involved in the work of the community through the neighborhood council. I was pleased to learn that the “for sale” lots on Los Feliz Blvd. and Franklin are already GGPNC agenda items and that the GGPNC has had such phenomenal success recruiting volunteers for LA River clean-ups. My other priorities include:

- Working with the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council to ensure that the redevelopment of the Circuit City lot on Sunset Blvd. benefits the community to the greatest possible extent.
- Finding supportive services for the small number of homeless people living in the streets and parks in our neighborhood.
- Engaging the neighborhood's young, professional population in community works and school support.

As a renter, a young professional, and an employee and executive of a small local business I think I bring a valuable combination of perspectives to the work of the GGPNC. As a lawyer and a former community organizer, I would also bring valuable skills and professional connections to local and national networks of attorneys and non-profit organizations to the Board. Finally, I do not undertake this candidacy lightly. I am ready to work diligently to achieve the goals of this council for the improvement of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

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