

My name is Angela McLain and I am seeking a Business or an At-Large seat on the G.G.P.N.C

Five years ago, when I was choosing a community to move to from NYC with my family, I recalled Silver Lake from my time living there as a college student. I wanted a place that was in a constant state of evolution but still felt small and homey. I remembered it's eclectic mix of people from many different socio-economic groups living side by side. What stuck with me was how friendly, accepting and open it was and I wondered how much further it had come from when I was that college kid. I took the plunge and never looked back.

I don't think I've lived in a place with such a strong sense of neighborhood identity that also keeps its eye on the big picture both state and countrywide. I am in awe everyday at how civic duty plays such a large role in our neighborhoods and schools. My child attended Lyric Preschool and is entering 5th grade at Ivanhoe this year. Our local schools teach and raise great children who have a strong sense of community. For recreation, Griffith Park has been our backyard for several years and has taken us from the carousel to bike riding and evening hikes. We've marked many holidays and birthdays picnicking in the fields with family and friends. It's also a place I go to alone for solitude and just to feel very small for a while amid the awesome hills.

There are several reasons that I'd like to be considered for a spot on the neighborhood counsel. Primarily, I am dedicated to this community. I am the General Manager of a local business; my family eats in these restaurants, attends these schools and frequents the establishments. Everything I do in my daily life takes place here in these streets and with my neighbors, I want to continue to contribute in a real way to its success. I want to grow old here and to have it be a place where my child and her friends can come back to and look back on as a safe, inclusive, clean and wonderful place to have grown up.

I'd be a strong addition to the neighborhood counsel because I have over 15 years of business experience in the areas of marketing, management, operations and finance. I've worked in everything from Fortune 500 companies to the small but nimble startup I am at now. I am extremely versed in the tried and true building blocks of business and up to date on current trends and technologies. I am easy to get along with and excel at both teamwork and people management. I love the idea of giving back with a group of like-minded people who love this community.

My goals and objectives for this position are lofty but simple. I want our local business to flourish and grow, our schools to have more than adequate funding for faculty and specialty programs like music and art, and our residents to feel safe and to take responsibility for being a part of living in a community that is clean, green and self sustainable. I want to create a place that raises children who want to give back to their communities because they see it happen in their every day lives. A famous quote that people try to live by is to "leave the world a little better than you found it", if chosen for the neighborhood counsel-I hope to do just that.

Thank you for the consideration.