

Charley Mims
GGPNC Candidate Statement
2009 Board Appointments

After serving on the Los Angeles City Charter Reform Commission where I advocated for the establishment of neighborhood councils, I served on the Steering Committee that formed the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council. I was elected President of the GGPNC and served in that capacity for five of its first six years of existence. In chairing the meetings, I put an emphasis on civility, making sure everyone had the opportunity to be heard. The meetings were productive and we accomplished a lot.

My personal interests lie in sharing community through the urban and urban wilderness opportunities we enjoy in our community. My wife works part time at the Griffith Observatory, we hike the local trails and enjoy the Los Angeles Zoo, the Autry, the local golf courses and the wonderful food served in our local restaurants. I am also active in my union which represents over 85 thousand public sector employees in seven counties in Southern California. I have been a Chair of our unions Board of Trustees and have Chaired the Governance Working Group that wrote bylaws for our consolidated local union.

Since 1986 my wife and I have lived in the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council area. This was before our neighborhood council was formed in 2002. For the last 43 years I have worked for the City and the County of Los Angeles with almost all of that time with the City. I manage the Valley Construction Division for the Bureau of Contract Administration in the Department of Public Works where we are responsible for administering construction contracts and permits on City owned projects and right of ways making sure the city gets what it pays for in a wide range of improvement and repair projects.

After having been off of the GGPNC Board for a year, I am hoping to be appointed to an at large position so I can work with the other Board members to return a sense of civility and mutual effort to maintain and improve our wonderful community.