

Candidate Statement of Dan Sandman

In the Summer of 2006, less than a month after getting married, my wife, Courtney, and I moved to Los Feliz and have been putting down roots in the greater Griffith Park neighborhood ever since. Courtney is a physician at the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center. I am an attorney with my own home-based general practice and a supporter of Bet Tzedek free legal clinic. As our roots in the neighborhood continue to grow, so too does my desire to give back to this community which so graciously welcomed us.

As an attorney, my practice focuses on counseling people in creative and constructive problem solving. I am experienced in using these skills not only with clients, but also in public service. While in practice in Illinois, I was twice appointed by the Supreme Court of Illinois to serve on the Court's Character and Fitness Committee. Now, I want to put that experience to work on the Council and in the community, working hard to build consensus and bridge divides.

Here's a snapshot of my positions regarding some of the important issues in our community:

- Protect Griffith Park and surrounding neighborhoods from unnecessary commercial development.
- Work with local businesses and schools to guarantee our kids have access to summer jobs and opportunities for constructive after-school activities.
- Grow the neighborhood watch program to keep our streets and parks safe and work with the city and non-profits to find help for at-risk homeless residents.

Above all, I am committed to listening to all stakeholders in order to understand and respond to different viewpoints.

Thank you for your consideration.


Dan Sandman