

# ***Nyla Arslanian***

I have served as an appointed board member in the Cultural and Non-profit seat for 3 years and have a strong track record. As the chair of the Neighborhood Improvement Committee, my accomplishments include helping to shepherd the historic Los Feliz Steps restoration and the long-awaited Vermont Triangle improvements, an \$800,000 public works project which is currently underway. I am a strong advocate for Neighborhood Councils and will work tirelessly in behalf of residents in District A to represent their interests and concerns. We love the park, which gives us our identity, but there are many more issues that involve your Neighborhood Council that must also be addressed.

As the Cultural Non-Profit appointee to the board I have introduced several cultural projects to the Council including the Barnsdall Art Market, after school art programs at Los Feliz Elementary School, children's arts activities at the pony ride area of Griffith Park and support for Free Shakespeare at Barnsdall Park this summer. Further, I have participated in many Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Training courses, symposiums and gatherings so that I can better understand our role and serve our community.

I have a lifelong knowledge of this area. A native Californian, my grandparents settled in the Silverlake area in 1917. My mother was a member of the first graduating class of Marshall High School and also attended Thomas Starr King Junior High School. My husband, Oscar, a first generation Armenian-American, and I have lived in Los Feliz for 35 years. We have been members of the LFIA since the proud day we moved into our 1926 Mediterranean-style home. I have a deep and abiding love of our city and acknowledge the strengths and challenges that converge here whether brought by those who came from the east, the west, north or south, hundreds of years ago or yesterday.

This year I was acknowledged by the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for 30 years of service as president of the Hollywood Arts Council, a non-profit which promotes, nurtures and supports the arts in the greater Hollywood area including Los Feliz. Working with many community organizations over the past 30 years, I bring a wealth of experience to the GGPNC. In particular how to work with people. In addition to my experience with one of Los Angeles' leading community arts organizations, I have been elected or appointed to various committees and advisory panels including the Hollywood Area Advisory Panel to the Los Angeles CRA's Hollywood Project and am currently on its Hollywood Arts and Design Advisory Panel. I also currently serve as Vice President of the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation.

My husband and I own Arslanian & Associates, Inc., a public relations firm specializing in entertainment and tourism. We publish *Discover Hollywood Magazine*, a quarterly publication that promotes the arts and culture of this area. Oscar is a former Chairman of the Board of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and also active in community affairs.

My interests are in preserving and enhancing the quality of life we enjoy in our diverse and beautiful Greater Griffith Park area, and, in particular the residential area of District A. My relationships and experience with community-based cultural organizations, publishing, and public relations, and most important, 35 years as a resident of District A, uniquely qualifies me to serve as District A's representative. I ask for your vote.