

Linda Demmers

To members of the GGPNC:

My husband, Richard Rothschild, and I have been residents of Los Feliz for 15 years. Prior to that, we lived in Whitley Heights for many years. We are avid users of Griffith Park, enjoying hikes and leisurely walks several times a week. We are also enthusiasts for the history of Los Angeles and have supported the Los Angeles Conservancy's efforts to protect our City's architectural heritage.

Professionally I spent 20 years as an academic librarian and the past 20 years as a library planning consultant. My small consulting business has actively participated in the planning of over 140 libraries in California and around the United States in the past 20 years. I am familiar with the independent schools, community colleges, UC system, CSU system, and many other academic organizations. In addition, my clients have included and currently include West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Malibu, Santa Monica, LACC Mission College, and South Pasadena. I have not assisted in the planning of any City of Los Angeles libraries as they have their own facilities planning department, but all members of the planning department, including the former Los Angeles City Librarian, attended my workshops on Facility planning.

I am familiar with how governing agencies operate, having served on many academic committees. I served on the Board of Trustees for The Oaks School in Hollywood for six years with two of those years as Board Chair. I was recently invited to serve on the Governing Board of Simmons College in Boston, where I received my Master's Degree.

While I have never served as a public official or a committee member of a public organization, I have, in my business, participated in environmental impact reports, attended zoning and planning committee meetings, made presentations to and assisted Disabilities Advisory Boards, Senior Advisory Boards, Neighborhood Night Out Watches, presented to innumerable City Council meetings, and worked with the Chancellor's Office in Sacramento to draft revisions to Title 5 planning guidelines. I attended your board to speak on behalf of The Alcove's owner, Tom Trellis' petition to open Big Bar on Hillhurst Avenue. I felt your process to be fair and thorough. I was impressed with your organization.

Having moved her from Boston 21 years ago, I am a big fan of Los Angeles and a big fan of Los Feliz. I believe I have skills that will be useful to the Council. I hope you will consider my application.

With regards,  
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