

Seat: District C Representative

Name: Barbara Ferris

Experience/Qualifications: I've lived and worked in Los Feliz (in District C) for 21 years and have closely followed the evolution of the GGPNC since its inception. I served on the GGPNC Park, River and Open Space (PROS) Committee from 2005 to 2008 and currently serve on GGPNC Committees for Outreach (member, 3 yrs.) and Rules & Elections (as staff, 1yr.).

I am the Managing Director of Symphony In The Glen, an independent nonprofit arts organization providing free, family-friendly classical symphony concerts in Griffith Park. During the twenty years I've held this position I've worked with a number of city departments and have accumulated a wealth of insight into what it takes to successfully work with city bureaucracy. I bring to the table a hard-won knowledge of the intricate web of relationships that crisscross Los Feliz and the City of Los Angeles.

District C is where I live and work (my office is in the same district), so I have an on-the-ground, work-a-day acquaintance with the delights and challenges of the area.

Reason for seeking the seat: I wish to continue working with the GGPNC Governing Board to better engage area stakeholders in city government. Also, I think it's important to continue the task of bringing a wealth of perspectives to the table. Los Feliz is a marvelous community with many positive-minded people who would be more than willing to get involved once an amiable, can-do atmosphere begins to prevail. It's my goal to work toward creating more of this atmosphere.

Goals and objectives if appointed: It is my intent, whether appointed or not, to continue my efforts to foster open, productive working relationships between the GGPNC Governing Board, local organizations and stakeholders and, in general, to increase public awareness of and active participation in the process. I would also like to work with the Rules and Elections Committee to further improve the effectiveness of Governing Board operations so we can make the process more easily accessible to stakeholders.

I believe the very soul of effective community advocacy is persistence, patience and a dedication to developing trust. This is the spirit I bring to the table and will work to cultivate on the board and in the wider community.