

Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council

Candidate Forum - March 7, 2007
Election Day - March 14, 2007

OUR CANDIDATES

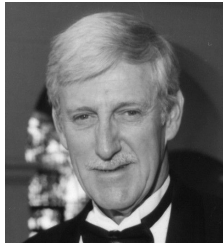
Area #1 Brookside:

ROY FORBES, GWNC Board Member

I have had an influential role on several important committees during the board's first term of office and been a strong advocate for Brookside. There are many issues critical to our quality of life coming up in the next few years that the GWNC must address, such as the Wilshire transportation corridor and commercial/residential development. As my track record indicates, I will continue to be a very active board member and advocate for our community and would appreciate your vote.

JAN WIERINGA

Area #2 Citrus Square:



THOMAS F. ROE, GWNC Board Member

As a representative of the **Citrus Square Association** to the GWNC, I plan to support the following issues. I hope you are with me on these matters: **Upholding the style of the houses and buildings in Citrus Square.** Remodeling is inevitable but building codes and architectural style should be honored. **Improved street lighting.** We are due for an upgrade. **Security from street crime.** We seem to have a relatively low crime rate. Let us keep it that way. **Neighborhood communication.** So far it has been minimal. I hope to step up communication.



CHARLES BERGSON, Civil Engineer

Stop the Boxes! The city continues to neglect our neighborhoods allowing mansionized box homes and suburban garages. Witness the frightening buildings at Third and Highland, the 'apartment style homes' on residential streets. Next is 'The Wall' around the private school on Third Street. I will: 1. **Stop the Boxes** - will obtain a moratorium to stop the house-by-house razing of our neighborhoods. 2. **Establish Neighborhood Design** - Will implement design guidelines allowing home expansion and neighborhood integrity. 3. **Establish Traffic Diversion** - Will implement Traffic Diversion program to allow easier flow for locals; keep out interloping traffic.

Area #3 Country Club Heights: ALISON HANNON; FRANCES McFALL, GWNC Board Member

Area #4 Fremont Place:



SHAR PENFOLD

Shar Penfold has lived in Fremont Place with her husband Robert and three children since 1998. Along with a career as realtor at Coldwell Banker, she manages Fremont Place, one of the most historic gated communities in Los Angeles. Her children first attended St James' School on Wilshire Boulevard and then Brentwood School. Shar relocated with her family from Australia, previously living in London and the South of France. She is a board member of the Hollywood Bowl Patronesses and the Ebell of Los Angeles, and is involved in the mentor program of the "I Have a Dream Foundation."

PATRICIA LOMBARD

Area #5 Hancock Park:

JAMES WOLF, GWNC Board Member

- Present Chairperson of the GWNC Board's Ad Hoc Committee for Land Use and Zoning
- Chairman of the Park Mile Specific Plan Design Review Board
- Hancock Park Resident for over twenty years
- Hancock Park Homeowners Association est. 1948 Board Member since 1987
- Recognition and goals: Greater outreach to and involvement by all stakeholders will enhance our understanding and will make our area a better place in which to live, work, visit and play. Zoning and Land Use is a critical component to our quality of life.

JENNIFER DeVORE

**Area #6 La Brea/Hancock: RUSSELL SHERMAN, GWNC Board Member;
TOM RUBINSON, Criminal Prosecutor**

Area #7 Larchmont Village:

ROB WISHART, GWNC Board Member

I am endorsed for re-election by the board of directors of the Larchmont Village Neighborhood Association because I support the view that economic growth is subordinate to protecting and improving the quality of life of area homeowners. I have lived in Larchmont Village since 1988 with my wife, Judy Dugan, research director of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights. I am retired after a 35-year career in daily journalism. I am legally blind.

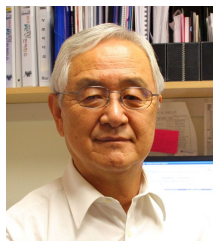
Area #8 Melrose Neighborhood:



YIGAL ARENS, GWNC Board Member

As a GWNC board member, I learned that for many of our stakeholders, the council meetings are a place where they can seek support when they feel their neighborhood is being adversely changed under them. Development activities in and around our neighborhood continue, and it's important to keep people who watch out for such things on the board. I urge you to vote for me and the other Greater Wilshire Neighbors United candidates! Who am I? A USC research director and faculty member, co-founder of a small high-tech company, and with my family a 20-year resident of the Melrose area.

Area #9 Oakwood-Maplewood-St. Andrews:



MOON S. CHUNG, Elder OMC Church

I am an Elder of the Oriental Mission Church, and am a current GWNC board member. My goals are to: 1) help our community be safe and comfortable; 2) stimulate our local economy through local business; and 3) improve our relationship with local ethnic community groups. I am not a politician just making promises. I am actively involved in service and have received many awards for my leadership with such community organizations as the Hollywood Citizen Police Advisory Board of the LAPD, the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council, the Los Angeles Christian Mutual Assistance Foundation, and CORO Community Leadership Training.

Area #10 Ridgewood/Wilton-St. Andrews:

PATTI CARROLL

As a Long Time resident of St. Andrews Square (where my parents bought their first LA home over 50 years ago), I love and appreciate my neighborhood. I have actively participated in landmarking several buildings in the area. Preserving the integrity of this neighborhood through architecture and community involvement are essential issues for me. As owner of Hollywoodland Realty, I make Historic Preservation my priority.

SUSAN L. O'CONNELL, GWNC Board Member

Area #11 Sycamore Square:

ELIZABETH FULLER, GWNC Board Member

I've been a resident of Sycamore Square since moving to Los Angeles in 1991. Two years ago, I helped revive our long-dormant neighborhood association, and have been thrilled to serve as president during its rebirth as an active, involved organization. As a member of the GWNC board, I'm particularly interested in issues of preservation, zoning, planning and development, which are critical to maintaining the residential character of our neighborhoods and building thriving, livable communities. I look forward to bringing Sycamore Square's voice to the council for another two years.

Area #12 Western-Wilton (We-Wil):



SAM CUNNINGHAM, Resident/Marketing Executive

My neighborhood lies on the eastern edge of Greater Wilshire. We suffer from crime, gang, and transient issues that tend to originate on Western Avenue and that may not be felt elsewhere within our larger community. As a We-Wil resident of 3 years, and as the manager of my apartment building for much of that time, I would like to spark a conversation between us all on how to solve these troubling problems. I am the CEO of a small marketing firm; I am hopeful that my professional experience will benefit the entirety of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council.

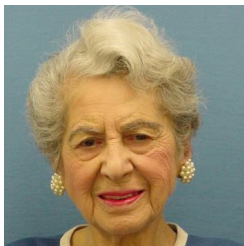
Area #13 Wilshire Park: JOHN GRESHAM

Area #14 Windsor Square:



MARGARET HUDSON, GWNC Board Member

As an active member of the Greater Wilshire community, I have been involved for many years with projects to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. I am a long term resident seeking a second term on the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council. My efforts for the GWNC as Special Projects Chairperson were focused on emergency preparedness. Assisted by many community residents, I organized our 2006 Emergency Preparedness Fair, including over 14 EP providers who distributed information. If re-elected, I would encourage the GWNC to continue its efforts in emergency preparedness and similar projects which benefit the community.



MARGARET SOWMA

Management board for Van Ness townhouses. Assemblymember, California Senior Legislature. Road repairs, advocacy for neighborhood, resulted in road resurfacing. Governmental liaison on local, state and federal issues affecting seniors. Aging advocate, member of Council on Aging. Congress of California Seniors, Forum, C.R.A. Red Cross volunteer. Election inspector and poll worker. Tree planting and environmental issues facilitated on 6th Street. St. Brendan's Church, member. Original member Mid-Wilshire Neighborhood Council. Working hard for the City's seniors. Making a positive difference in the community. Assisting neighborhood block captain program.

Area #15 Windsor Village:



JOHN D. McINTYRE, Realtor

Area #15 Windsor Village (continued from previous page):



CHARLIE DOUGHERTY, Current President GWNC

It is my honor to again run for a seat on the GWNC Board of Directors. I would take great pride in continuing to represent Windsor Village (Area 15). Windsor Village is a prime example of the type of old Los Angeles neighborhoods that are so important to this city. Its qualities and contributions to Los Angeles need to be protected. As the first GWNC President, I oversaw the creation of the GWNC as a functioning neighborhood council. It is now in operation to improve and protect the qualities and contributions of all the neighborhoods in its jurisdiction.

At Large:



JANE USHER, Lawyer/GWNC Board

Like all volunteer civic organizations, the GWNC needs at least one writer, lawyer, historian, planner, and connective link with local government. Together with my colleagues, I am pleased to have helped serve in these capacities for Greater Wilshire, and would be honored to continue in these roles. My goal for our collective stewardship of the neighborhood is that we maintain our focus on positive *local projects* that will produce visible results for the benefit of us all. I value the irreplaceable historic character of Greater Wilshire and will be among its strongest champions.

CYNTHIA CHVATAL-KEANE, GWNC Board Member

Business:

MICHAEL ROSENBERG, GWNC Board Member

I am one of the original founders of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council and I am a current Board Member representing the Business Interest in our community. I ask for your support in this election and I will discharge my office for the benefit of all the Stakeholders. I believe in the system and worked diligently in the formation of our Council. I live in the GWNC community for the past 21 years, I am married and have raised four boys. I have a professional degree in Architecture and I am the current President of World Derby, Inc.

JANE GILMAN, Publisher, GWNC Board

My name is Jane Gilman and I am a candidate in the Business category for the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council. I am qualified to address the many issues affecting the business community in our area. I have owned the Larchmont Chronicle newspaper serving this area for the past 43 years. My experience in the community provides me with excellent knowledge of the resources available to solve problems.

Renter:

CLINTON OIE



MARY SHEEHAN RAJSWING, GWNC Board Member

Joining the first Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council board was a logical next step for me after several years of volunteer service for the local public schools and fire station. A renter since July 2004, I believe tenants should have a voice in the decisions affecting residents of our community. I would like to continue to represent them and plan to work to improve outreach. Renting is often a first step for area newcomers, so it is doubly important that the council has a strong presence in our neighborhood.

Education:



MARTHA TAYLOR SCHUUR, Educator

I have been an educator for the past 18 years in the area and have taught students from ages 7-17. I feel that this diverse background as a local educator would allow me to serve as a highly qualified candidate for the Education position. Also, I have lived in Hancock Park for over 20 years where my husband's and my three daughters have also attended area schools. I have the unique perspective of being an educator and a parent having first hand experience in the schools served by the GWNC.

Religion:

ALEX JONES-MORENO



MICHAEL GENEWICK

Michael Genewick has been a resident of Windsor Square and a member of St. Brendan church for 35 years. Currently he serves as a Lector and an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. He and his wife Kathi raised five children who attended St. Brendan School. An active member of AYSO soccer for over 20 years in the Greater Wilshire neighborhood, Mike now serves as President of the Windsor Square Association. In 2005, Mike and Kathi traveled to the Holy Land on an Interfaith Pilgrimage as members of a Wilshire Center Interfaith Council group of Christians, Jews and Muslims.

Other Nonprofit:



RUDOLPH GINTEL, GWNC Board Member

My wife, Myrna, and I (married 1976) moved to Hancock Park (1986) with our three children. Elected Director Hancock Park Homeowners Association since 1995. Family business, Brothers Collateral Loans, established Melrose and Cahuenga since 1980. Attended Rosewood, Bancroft, Fairfax, CSUN, Southwestern University School of Law. Admitted California State Bar (1977). We have lived and worked in this, the finest area in Los Angeles, for many years. If re-elected, we will work as in the past, to preserve the wonderful family values, and improve the business climate and high standard of living found here, as a legacy for the entire community.

JOLENE SNETT, GWNC Board Member