

Candidate Statement – Tom Swire

I would like to continue as a Board Director to be able to give back to this community. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve here as a part of the governing body of this park. As a Board member, I'm a part of a large group of dedicated members who volunteer their time, abilities and energies to enhance the Park.

Along with being a current Board member, I am in my seventh year as the chairperson of the Environmental Control Committee (ECC). I have worked closely with all the current Board members and with many of the previous Board members in my capacity as ECC chairperson and have a good rapport with all of them. I am confident that this close working relationship will continue.

I spent my career in public service as an engineer for the City of Los Angeles. I worked directly with elected officials and the heads of other City departments to solve a variety of issues. I believe that my work experiences have been and will continue to be useful to the Board as it pursues answers to questions relative to the Park.

The existence of the Park amenities is one of the main reasons that we and most people choose to live in the Park. I believe that subsidizing these amenities is absolutely necessary at the present time to keep them at their current level of availability for the enjoyment of the members. All YLOA members should support these amenities whether or not they use them, as they contribute greatly to the value of our properties. I certainly support looking at any proposal that would reduce these subsidies and/or make them pertain more directly to the people who actually use the amenities.

My interests are for the betterment of the Park. I believe that the Board's interests are the same. Therefore, I believe that my talents can be used to pursue the same goals as the Board's. I believe that people working together toward the same goal can accomplish much. I look forward to continuing on the Board and to working side-by-side with the other Board members to continually improve the Park.

I am willing to commit whatever time is necessary to actively participate in all aspects of the duties and responsibilities of being a Board director. My record as a director, and current Board President, supports that statement.

Although I don't consider myself "outspoken," I am not shy when I feel it is important to discuss my concerns and beliefs. I will not allow issues to proceed without having my concerns addressed and my questions answered. It is necessary to have all the information available in order to make intelligent decisions. I believe that you can't have too much information on an issue and I would welcome input from everyone. I'm not afraid to say "I've made a mistake," or to change my mind on a matter if more compelling facts become available.

In closing I would like to say that I believe in God. I believe in His Son, Jesus Christ and I have accepted Him as my Lord and Savior. I believe in honesty and integrity, and that ethics are essential. I believe that I would be an asset to the Board and I look forward to continuing working together to the betterment of the Park. If re-elected I would continue to focus my attention on bettering our community.