

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT

### CENSUS TRACT 4601

CANDIDATE: John E. White

Having served for one term on the Altadena Town Council and Land Use Committee, I've learned how to be an effective representative. I seek re-election to continue the committed service that I've demonstrated.

The role of an Altadena Town Council Census Tract representative is multifold. Not only does a representative address community concerns, assist in establishing contact with local, regional, state and federal agencies, and work with local law enforcement and County Fire for area protection, but a representative must maintain a vision for the appropriate development of Altadena. We live in a unique, unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. Maintaining the look and feel of our community, protecting the rights of our eclectic residents, and ensuring that residential and commercial development reflects the wishes of the residents has been my mission. Maintaining the qualities that make Altadena special requires constant vigilance. My term of service has been dedicated to that purpose.

Effective representation requires consistent performance. I've attended every monthly meeting of the Altadena Town Council and Land Use Committee. I've dedicated considerable time and effort to research every issue brought before either organization. I've investigated residential concerns, met with local business owners to facilitate expanded services, attended Census Tract meetings, participated in Altadena community functions, coordinated with County agencies to address local issues, and created an internship for a Pasadena City College student to work with the Altadena Town Council. My attendance has been consistent and my vision has never wavered.

If re-elected, I pledge to continue my consistent and dedicated level of commitment to the responsibilities of an Altadena Town Council Census Tract Representative. I pledge to address local concerns, attend local functions, represent the best interests of the residents in Census Tract 4601, and maintain a vision for the future of Altadena that embraces the entire community. With one term of experience completed, I am experienced and qualified to meet the expectations of the Altadena community.

tract 4601

Hello, my name is Dennis Eodice. I reside at 1193 Mount Lowe Drive with my wife Lynne. We have been residents of Altadena at this address since 1998.

My reasons for wanting to be on the town council are twofold.

First and foremost is that I have a vital interest (as do many of my neighbors) in the preservation of the Mount Lowe Parkway/ MacPherson Parkway. This is a large parkway that divides Mount Lowe Drive, and marks the historic path of the Mount Lowe Railway. This parkway has been granted historical status by both the U.S. government by proclaiming it a National Historical Site as well as the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Altadena Historical Society, and the Pasadena Historical Society.

During the time that we have lived here and in speaking with the neighbors who have lived here longer, as well as some that have grown up in the area, this parkway has been used in all aspect as a park. Neighbors bring their children to play, walk their dogs, and have picnics under the shade of the trees.

Today this park is in danger of deteriorating because of water restrictions imposed by Los Angeles County. As it stands, the county will allow the grass to die, and it will eventually turn into dust. I understand the watering restrictions by which we must abide. However, I do not know if parks like Farnsworth will be allowed to water their grass areas. If so, then I believe that we should also be allowed to water the parkway, albeit sparingly.

But if not, I do believe then that the county has an obligation to our neighborhood to discuss options on how the park can become more water efficient and maintain its attractiveness and usefulness.

I would stress this point to the LACBS with the support of our community.

Secondly, I would like to see our small downtown area upgraded to include small cafes and shops that would be inviting for our neighbors, rather than having to go to other neighborhoods.

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**OKORIE EZIEME**  
**2016 INCUMBENT CANDIDATE FOR ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

**My Qualifications Include:**

- Long time resident and homeowner of Census Tract 4602
- Incumbent representative for Census Tract 4602
- Vice Chairman – Altadena Town Council Executive Committee
- A member of the Altadena Town Council Land Use Committee
- Chair – Altadena Town Council Traffic Committee
- Member – Los Angeles County Floodplain Management Plan Steering Committee
- Member of NAACP – Working on Black and Brown Issues
- Deacon and Member of Tutorial Ministry at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Altadena
- President – The Good Samaritan Disaster Foundation, a 501(c3) Victims of Disaster Foundation (*Caring and Assisting Victims of Disaster*)
- President – Ighere Progressive Association, a 501(c3) Education Foundation
- Graduate from University of South Alabama – MBA
- Champion for Education and Children – Served on the Pasadena Unified School District Budget Advisory Committee
- President of NGOK Global Consultants, Inc. (Professional Accounting & Tax Firm)
- Married: Ngozi (Wife); Children – Rachel, Ifeanyi, Sampson, David & Joshua

**Key Events / Accomplishments While on Council Include:**

- First Official Altadena Flag
- Arroyo Pacific Academy CUP
- Real Time – Altadena Town Council Website
- Wind Storm
- Community Awards / Recognition
- Altadena Visioning
- Altadena Community Standards – Commercial / Residential Districts
- PUSD Redistricting
- Sahag Mesrob Armenian Christian School / Palm Heights Development
- Cell Tower
- Hillside Ordinance
- Station Fire
- Bus Noise / Backfires
- Security at Farnsworth during Summer Holidays
- Poor Emergency Response Time by Law Enforcement Agencies
- Re-Striping on Lake Avenue [North of Altadena Drive]
- Relocation of Rite Aid / Alternative Use / Curb Appeal Improvement
- Group Homes

*Judy A. Matthews*  
CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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**JUDY MATTHEWS**, is a 39-year resident of Altadena, California, currently serving her second term as an Altadena Town Council Representative for Census Tract 4603.01, and she is a member of the Land Use Committee. As a dedicated public servant, Councilwoman Matthews brings the necessary assurance that all citizens are represented with integrity, dignity and respect.

Judy earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from California State University and later served as a federal court support supervisor, managing judicial court clerks and presiding over cost bill hearings. During her employment with the Federal Court, she was awarded the Leadership Award from the Federal Judicial Center, Washington, D.C. and was recognized by court administration for her outstanding team support in the implementation of e-filings. As a proponent of community involvement, Judy was a founding member of the National Congress of Black Women, Incorporated, Los Angeles Chapter, a non-profit organization dedicated to the empowerment of all women and families. Under her leadership, she organized and empowered citizens by collaborating with the White House Office of Faith-based Neighborhood Partnerships Forum to address the critical issues facing our communities and established the first West Coast Youth Empowerment Conference, a collaborative effort to promote comprehensive youth development focusing on services necessary to succeed academically in STEM fields.

Judy Matthews takes pride in serving the citizens of California through her membership and leadership roles with local and national organizations. She is a founding member and Chair of the newly formed National Congress of Black Women, Incorporated San Gabriel Valley Chapter. She also serves on the 41st Assembly District Local Government Advisory Committee, Board member of the Philanthropy Committee for the American Red Cross San Gabriel/Pomona Valley, and Partnering Resource with Foster Care Project. In addition, she is affiliated with Women with Voices, Women Leadership Forum (National), Wells Fargo and Pasadena Playhouse Diversity Committee, Ambassador for the Pasadena Playhouse, Empowerment Conference, and Southern California Women Health Conference.

Judy passionately serves as an Altadena Town Council Representative diligently working to ensure residents' public service needs are met. While in office, she has continually worked towards better law enforcement patrols and road and street light maintenance, partnered with teen "CERT" training and Map Your Neighborhood, established community partnerships and increased constituent engagement in community concerns by presenting an Annual Meet and Greet with local governmental agencies and community organizations working together to address the concerns expressed by constituents, leading to positive end results and open dialogue with the community as a whole. In 2016, Judy was among 10 women recognized as "Community Gems" for significant community contributions by the Pasadena-Altadena Community Endowment Fund (PACEF).

Judy believes that "Whatever affects one directly, affects us all indirectly," and looks forward to continuing to give a united voice to the people of Census Tract (CT) 4603.01 and neighboring communities. By seeking reelection to join the Council as a representative, she continues to bring the necessary assurance that policies and public service needs are carried out with integrity, dignity, and respect of the office.

## STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

My name is Gloria M. Sanyika and I have been your Council Representative for Census tract 4603.02 for the past two years. I am a Home Economist/ Nutritionist, (CACFP) Child and Adult Care Food Program Consultant, NETA Certified Aerobic Instructor and owner of Specific Nutrition Consulting Service. When I stood before you two years ago, I discussed what I planned to do as Council Representative. Today, I want to share my accomplishment and why I want to continue to serve you.

### List of Accomplishments-

- I organized the campaign in my Census tract to Vote Yes on Measure A to Save Our Library. (8/19/14)
- I went door to door requesting e-mail addresses of residents of my Census tract and I developed an e-mail data base to make contact with you. I also invited residents to join my Face book page.
- I Organized the First Community Census Tract Meet and Greet for Census Tract 4603.02. Before that time, residents of Census Tract 4603.02 were invited to attend the meetings elsewhere. (1/31/15)
- I worked with residents to help solve traffic issues at Windsor, Ventura and Figueroa. (3/18/15).
- I introduced Altadena to FOOD FORWARD and I held the first unprecedented Community Harvesting of Backyard Fruits in the Altadena area. Food harvested was donated to the Pasadena School Lunch Program.(6/27/15)
- I organized the first Community Meeting to discuss Land Use Issues in Census tract 4603.02 and I worked cooperatively with other Council Members to resolve issues. (9/14/15)
- I Organized and Hosted the First unprecedented RAIN WATER HAVESTING AND RAIN BARREL DISBTIBUTION in ALTADENA. Sixty- seven (67) Altadena Residents participated purchasing more than 147 rain barrels. We not only beautified our community, but we made it more sustainable. (12/12/15)

I am an active member of the Land Use Committee and I am currently representing the Altadena Town Council on the Collaborate PASadena where I have adopted and will be working with the Parent Engagement Workgroup. My focus is Community Beautification and Food Preservation, we know that beautification and blight reduction starts at home and I want parents to get involved. One of my goals is to revive the Altadena Town Council Community Beautification Committee so that we may effectively begin to address the issues discussed during the Altadena Community Visioning Process and in the Altadena Community Plan.

I am running for Altadena Town Council Representative because I want to continue to make a difference in my Community and I want to be a part of the **Solution** that moves our Town forward.

**Please vote for me!!**





I'm a recent graduate of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona where I received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Nonviolence Studies. As a native of Pasadena, I moved to Altadena with my wife when we got married almost five years ago. I've been involved with the community since I was a teenager. I've worked with local nonprofits to help study, advocate for, and pass municipal law.

I understand the importance of voting and the government. I organized and led a Get-out-the-Vote and Voter Registration Drive at the Cal Poly Pomona campus. I also have experience working with the government. I've worked on multiple political campaigns throughout the San Gabriel Valley and was a Congressional Intern in the local District Office of a U.S. Representative. I hope to use my education and experience to help the people of Altadena.

My main concerns for Altadena are keeping the parks safe, promoting business, keeping the integrity of Altadena intact, and making sure every person's voice is heard. Many improvements have been done throughout the parks of Altadena and we must continue to ensure our parks remain safe. Local businesses are the backbone of our economy and I wish to help them continue to thrive. Altadena's unique culture has been growing on me since I first moved here and I will work to preserve it. Lastly, ensuring the voices of the people are heard is the integral function of government. Everyone's opinion should be considered when making decisions about our community, especially in one as unique as Altadena. I also hope more people become involved in this process and that, when elected, we do more to spread the message.

My name is Nestor De La Torre and I humbly ask for your vote for Altadena Town Council to represent Census Tract 4610.

## **Patricia (Pat) Sutherlen**

### Statement of Qualification

A resident of Altadena for 25 years, I live in the southeastern most area of Census Tract 4611.

After receiving a BSC degree in Accounting from Santa Clara University, I have had careers in retailing and banking with major department stores and banks. A few years ago, I retired as the Manager of a bank loan center.

Since joining the Town Council two years ago, I have served on the Land Use Committee, the Election Committee as Co-Chair, the newly formed Film Committee and for the past year, on the Executive Committee as Treasurer of the Town Council.

In my corporate life, I developed an expertise in organization, communication and problem solving, traits which have helped me to become an involved Council Member.

Altadena is a wonderful place to live and it takes all of us to keep it that way. I learn more about our town all the time. I walk daily with my little Cocker Spaniel, Holly. I drive around town often as I make myself knowledgeable about the many projects that come before the Council and which will require my vote whether in my census tract or one of the other 7 tracts.

I thank those who have supported me during the past two years and ask for your support for another term.

Jennifer Lee  
Altadena Town Council Statement  
May 11, 2016

I am a resident of Altadena and a current town council member for Census Tract 4612. I am on the Land Use Committee and the Film Sub-Committee. Since I have been a town council member I have been involved in working with the residents of my census tract on issues that affect Altadena.

In my first term of being a town council member I have learned about the need to communicate in a positive way with the various Los Angeles County offices. My work in getting L.A. County to help us replace the older concrete bus benches with newer benches has been a positive achievement for the Altadena. This is ongoing work that has been taking place for the past year.

One of the things I would like to do in my second term as a council member is to bring together some for the families in my census tract so that children can play together and this can open up more community ties through parents.

I would like to serve another term as a Altadena Town Council member.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Lee

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Statement of Qualifications for Office  
Diane Marcussen  
Census Tract 4613

I have been an Altadena Town Council representative from Census Tract 4613 for the last 6 years, a member of the Land Use Committee for 12 years and Chairman of that committee for the last year. I have also been Chairman of the Altadena Town Council for the last 2 years.

Since moving to Altadena 19 years ago, I have been an active member of my local community and, over the last six years, have interacted with various County departments to help neighbors solve issues including:

- having dangerous County trees trimmed
- interacting with Building and Safety Property Rehab to have derelict properties cleaned up
- requesting that CHP actively monitor speeding vehicles to minimize the dangers for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Regional Planning Code Enforcement issues.

I also have facilitated communications between neighbors regarding crime in the area and passed along the Sheriff's Department suggested steps that can be taken to reduce the incidences of home and car burglaries.

I would like to continue to have the opportunity to positively interact with my local community as well as Altadena as the Altadena Town Council member representing census tract 4613.