

Rev. Hannah Petrie
Statement of Qualifications
for
Altadena Town Council
2020

I moved to Altadena in 2009, and purchased my first house at 26 Pine St., along with my husband, pregnant with my first child. In 2014, we moved four blocks west to 3151 Grandeur Ave., in Jayne's Village, a home built in 1926. I have made a living as a full-time, Unitarian Universalist minister for 15 years and counting. I moved to the area in 2007 to serve Neighborhood UU Church in Pasadena, and nine years later, began serving the UU Church of Studio City since 2016.

As part of my work as a minister, I have been very involved in the Pasa/Altadena area as a community organizer and leader, in service of social justice. I am familiar with city council meetings, and making public comment. Some of the issues I have worked on over the years: gang violence and prevention, raising the minimum wage, civilian oversight of police, and affordable housing. I am on the executive board of POP! (Pasadenans Organizing for Progress), as well as a founding member of the grassroots organization. I am host of our podcast, POP! Talk, recorded out of the Pasadena Job Center at Lake and Villa. The show focuses on local issues and politics. Currently, we are hosting candidate forums for the PUSD. I also founded the organization, Jericho Road, which continues to flourish, back in 2009, which matches professional skills with NPOs for time-limited, volunteer collaborations to increase the capacity of non-profits. I have always made time for civic participation and volunteering, and running for Altadena Town Council is an extension of this, the next logical step.

I love Altadena – I am most definitely an Altadena enthusiast, whether we're talking about how beautiful it is, the diverse, laid-back culture of its people, or its unique history. I often say, Altadena is the best place to live in LA County! (if not in the whole country). I am a supporter of small business, and friends with owners of Fair Oaks Burger, Pizza of Venice, and the Altadena Ale & Wine House.

I am interested in serving the needs of my census tract to the best of my ability, without partisan agenda. My census tract is large and diverse, so I'm sure the desires and needs will vary. I will do my best to balance the different views of any given situation, and strive to be a conduit for the wishes expressed by the residents.

As a preacher, I bring the skills of public speaking, writing, and generally reliable communication. I also have people skills, and love talking with people I've not met before, so shyness in getting to know my constituents will not be an issue. I can manage small projects, and work well in a team setting. I look forward to my work with you!

Sincerely, Rev. Hannah Petrie