

Statement of Qualifications for Office  
Sylvia Vega  
Census Tract 4613

Dear neighbors,

It has been a privilege to represent our census tract, 4613 for the last ten years and the Land Use committee (LUC) for the last 11 years.

Over the last 11 years, my work on serving both the Altadena Town Council (ATC) and the LUC has been productive, fulfilling, and educational. I have worked hard in canvassing the neighborhood to obtain feedback and opinions from the neighbors for the projects that have come up in our census tract. Projects that have ranged from a banquet hall with a permit for an alcohol license, to Historic Highlands designation to front yard to side yard setbacks for private residences.

Meeting and connecting with neighbors is my favorite parts of my role with the ATC and the LUC. Listening to their feedback regarding projects being voted on and sharing their opinions with the council and county is crucial.

Several years ago, we had a problematic house in our census tract. I set up a town meeting with the captain of the Altadena Sherriff's department and the immediate neighbors around the problematic house. It was through this effort that the Sherriff's were able to build an effective case against the owner and resolve the matter to the appreciation and satisfaction of the neighbors.

I've been election chair, served on the education committee and hope to serve on the executive committee.

I love living and working in Altadena. I hope to have the opportunity to continue to serve our constituents in census tract 4613.

## Victoria Knapp Statement of Qualifications – 2023

I'm Victoria Knapp and I am running for re-election to the Altadena Town Council in CT4601. Over the last six years, I have prided myself on connecting with residents, understanding the many issues they face, keeping them informed about our community, and alerting them to planned projects that may affect them (road closures, fires, accidents, wildlife). I've worked diligently to build strong working relationships with many County personnel which is tremendously helpful in getting questions answered and problems resolved. And, because of my background in business sales, I assist as many small business owners in navigating the labyrinth of County Departments and resolving their issues as often as possible.

Most recently, I worked with the department of Public Works to evaluate the intersection of Altadena Dr. and Holliston, which posed safety concerns not only because of speeding but specifically for pedestrians trying to cross Altadena Dr. This was before the tragic fatality at Holliston/Mendocino. The traffic study resulted in the installation of a 4-way stop, the addition of marked crosswalks, and new pavement striping. Speeding has also been reduced along the corridor between Allen Ave. and Lake.

I have proven myself to be involved by my attendance at almost every Town Council and Land Use Committee meeting. I make it a point to work alongside and support councilmembers in other tracts, because I believe that our partnerships strengthen the community. In my role as vice chair, I also attend monthly executive committee meetings, prepare the monthly Town Council agenda, and collaborate in the planning of the Town Council's annual retreat.

I attend, promote, and support as many community events as possible, from our new weekly Altadena Neighborhood Farmer's Market, to Rotary meetings and their fundraising pancake breakfast, to the newly built Habitat for Humanity home, to the Mausoleum's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and the Altadena Community Garden's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. I consider myself an ambassador for Altadena, not only in my own presence, but in making sure others are aware of and support our events, too.

I am trusted for not only my unbiased approach to problem solving, but because I can be counted on to follow-up and follow-through. I routinely strategize with leaders throughout our community and consider myself a partner to our Library District, the Chamber of Commerce, the Sheriff's and CHP stations, the Rotary Club, and to our many public schools.

It is because of issues I know will be facing Altadena in the near term, that I am running for re-election so that I may see them through and continue my stewardship of this great town.

### Statement of Qualifications and Why

Kim Yu, daughter to two Vietnamese refugees fleeing communism, was born, and raised in LA County and grew up in the City of San Gabriel. Kim and her family and have been residents of Beautiful Altadena since 2018. She is a mother of two young boys who both currently attend the Pasadena Waldorf School in Altadena, and her husband serves the City of Pasadena as a Firefighter/Engineer.

Kim has spent the last 16.5 years with the Pasadena Fire Department as the Hazardous Materials Specialist where she inspected and enforced laws and regulations to protect the public from fire, environmental and chemical hazards. As a first responder, she serves as the Deputy Health Officer during emergency incidents involving hazardous materials. In her role with the Pasadena Fire Department, she has extensive experience working with both the LA County Fire Department, and the LA County Sheriff's Department. In late October, she will be joining the community of Caltech as their Fire Safety Specialist. She graduated with a degree from UCLA in Biochemistry and obtained a master's in public health from the USC Keck School of Medicine with an emphasis on global health leadership.

Kim has always had a desire to serve the public and to make her community a better place for all. With her years of experience in public safety and public service, along with her passion to help the community, she is eager to represent the needs of Altadena for a safe and environmentally friendly community for all to thrive in. She would love to have the opportunity to do so by serving as an Altadena Town Councilmember to ensure that our city is safe, and to foster positive change for all who live in "Beautiful Altadena."

Its time for YU Altadena!!!'

Statement of intent for Chris Price

To: Altadena Town Council

I am applying to be a member of the Altadena Town Council. I have lived in Altadena since 1987 in census tract 4602. I am a retired elementary school teacher who taught in El Monte City School District for 29 years. I am a founding member of the Mt. Lowe Chamber Players, which performs free concerts in Altadena, often in the Altadena Library or the Altadena Community Church. These concerts are largely supported by Altadena residents.

I want to become more involved in our community and decisions on areas such as land use and traffic safety.



Statement of Qualifications

William  
ALONE

Currently Altadena Town Council representative for census tract 4602.

I have lived in Altadena for 18 years and when faced with a personal issue many years ago, I decided instead of complaining about the injustice we faced, I would get involved. Being in love with our home town of Altadena made running for the office of Altadena Town Council seem like a natural first step. Should I be re-elected, I only wish to continue being the best representative I can, it is truly my honor to serve.

It's easy to wish for change but true change takes hard work. I have proven my commitment by not only being an active, involved Council Member who often hands out my personal email and phone number to my constituents, but have also sat on the Executive committee, election committee and the education committee. Outside of the council I have been a very vocal for the Altadena, supporting our many local community groups and working with Pasadena Unified schools for the betterment of their programs, along with being on the board and a past president for the Altadena Chamber of Commerce. As a Town Council Member my involvement in the community has included, but not limited to, assisting local PUSD schools and community organizations in obtaining grants, building alliances between our local community groups and with our community, acting as representative of our community at local events and throughout Los Angeles County, and probably my most important responsibility as liaison between LA County and my constituents.

Altadena is the only place my daughter has ever known and our family feels extremely fortunate to live in one of the most beautiful places in the world. We really could not imagine living anywhere else. I am dedicated to preserving and continuing the success of this town, Altadena, we proudly call home.

Should I be fortunate enough to be re-elected, my focus will be on continuing to keep this community and its residents the pleasant, peaceful, integrated town we know as Altadena. I always wish to be a voice that stands up for everyone, regardless of whether their opinions correlate with my own, so that we can enjoy and preserve this beautiful, unique place for generations to come.

It is with great honor that I stand before you, seeking the role of Altadena Town Councilmember, representing the vibrant and diverse community of census tract 4610. Having spent my formative years in this community, I carry with me a profound reverence for education and an unwavering commitment to lifelong learning.

Altadena deserves to be recognized as a community that champions access to lifelong learning opportunities. If entrusted with this role, I will wholeheartedly advocate for our local schools, providing the resources necessary for enriching extracurricular activities and creating spaces tailored for education. I firmly believe that an Altadena Town Council Member's paramount duty is to enlighten our residents about civic matters, governance, and emergency protocols. By ensuring that our community is well-informed, we will forge a thriving populace capable of steering their own destiny towards prosperity.

This year, I spearheaded the Altadena Town Council's internship summer program. The integration of this program was a crucial step in providing local youth with enriching internship opportunities. The potential collaboration with local businesses and nonprofits to expand the internship program is seen as a significant opportunity, with the potential to place around 200 students in internships annually. This initiative reflects my dedication to nurturing the development of future community leaders, fostering meaningful connections between youth and local organizations. By engaging with our youth, the Altadena Town Council sends a powerful message to its young residents - that their aspirations are valued and actively supported.

Drawing upon a heritage steeped in educational excellence, I have been fortunate to inherit a family legacy dedicated to learning. From my grandfather's distinguished service as a Tuskegee Airmen, Red Tail flight pilot turned esteemed physics professor, to my mother's more than two decades of teaching in Altadena, education has always been our standard. Post my formal education, I embarked on a fulfilling career in finance, offering crucial support and education to high-net worth hoteliers and restaurateurs in Los Angeles and Montauk; honing my ability to understand complex financial landscapes and educate others towards their success.

This year, I found a renewed purpose in education, leading me to launch Good Eater Foods. Through this endeavor, I aim to empower and educate those relying on vital nutritional assistance programs. By simplifying food costs, advocating for policy updates, and providing approachable and budget-tailored recipes; making nutritious choices accessible to all.

If chosen as your Town Councilmember, I pledge to be a trusted listener, a beacon of education, and a facilitator for our beloved Altadena, with a special focus on the residents of census tract 4610. Together, let us usher in an era of informed citizenship and boundless opportunity for Altadena.

  
Isis Moulden

## Statement of Purpose

Japhena K. Musson, M.Ed.

Occupation: Relationship Management Facilitator | Educator |

Broadcast Media Specialist.

Ms. Musson is a talented educator with a strong hand and a soft touch. Her leadership style benefits from her training and professional experience in the communication field, her graduate work in leadership, her many consulting contracts, and her unconventional melding of homeschooling, public policy lobbying, community service, church and family. She is a certified bereavement facilitator, a licensed realtor in the state of CA., and the author and narrator of the audio book, *Find Your Place*, (audible.com).

In addition, she's raised two sons, and has been a resident of the Altadena Community, which she equates with family, for almost 25 years. She's had the privilege of being involved in the lives of her community members from infants to the elderly, and believes Altadena is a place where close friendships and business relationships should be cultivated and maintained.

Japhena K., advocates for what is important, and understands the challenges that residents and business owners are faced with on a daily basis; the successes, concerns and hardships. Our safety, education, economy, government, creative arts, environment, and more, are collective priorities for our growth, advancement and improvement. She prides herself on being consistent, and getting things done.



**Candidate Application Dorothy Wong**

**Census Tract: 4603.01**

**Statement of Qualifications - Altadena Town Council**

Hello Neighbors,

I would be honored to serve Altadena Census Tract 4603.01.

The northernmost census tract is directly connected to the Angeles National Forest, Pasadena, and the rich watershed of the Arroyo Seco, Millard, Wildrose and Chiquita Canyons. Each day the glow of the San Gabriels reminds me of the special place we live and how much we must care for our neighbors human life and wildlife. How we co-exist is the quality of our lives.

Since serving on the Town Council, I've learned so much and continue to learn.

**Rooted in community, our resilience comes from working together**, respecting, listening to and from each other including generations of families born and raised over the decades as well as addressing concerns of newer residents while prioritizing our most vulnerable and working to reach those who are not often heard.

**Our diversity IS our strength.** Building resilience by coming together to address the road ahead. I have seen how well we can do that in hard times. Altadena has its challenges and is ever changing. I am confident we will find resilience, looking out for each other and our most vulnerable along the way, together we will find the best pathways forward... together.

**Coming together as a community** is so much fun organizing and participating in events such as A Gathering for Nature, Wildlife Watch, Map Your Neighborhood, Safe Streets Walk Audits, Vision Zero Action Plan Slow Streets, Fire Safety, Altadena SGV Mosquito Bite Back Tour, Go Human Safe Routes to Parks, Traffic Safety Pop Ups, Walk and Roll to School on CA Clean Air Day have brought so many together for community health.

**Staying up to date** on Federal and State legislation, County Plans and Codes and the ever changing climate has adaptation and community health and safety at the forefront. Altadena CSD, County General Plan Elements: Safety, Sustainability, Housing, Mobility and the West San Gabriel Valley Regional plan can bring multi-benefit solutions.

Altadena is ever changing and there is so much work ahead. The true gift of this community is our love of Altadena and respect of each other. I would be honored to support the storied community of CT 4603.01. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Dot :)



Thank you very much for the opportunity to run for a seat on the Altadena Town Council.

- I have been on the land use committee for 2 years
- Volunteered to work the booth at last years elections
- Volunteered with this years Pride Festival with Nic
- Canvassed my census tract when dealing with unincorporated coffee and their mural. G
- Got a chance to speak with people who live in my area and understand a bit more of the history of Altadena and what makes this place so special.

I know how important it is to get involved, especially at the local level. It became apparent to me, as soon as we bought our home back in 2020, that this will be our forever home.

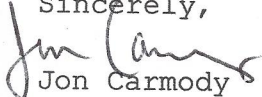
It was because of this that we also quickly realized this was also where we wanted to start our family and raise them in a community like this.

I try to be as socially involved in the community as much as I can: by attending concerts at Farnsworth Park or most recently supporting the local theater company with their production of "Hair".

I frequent our local farmers market and have become friends with several of the business owners in our community. I believe that in order to represent your community you also need to understand what's important to both the residents as well as people who love this place so much that they want to open up a small business.

These are just some examples and reasons why I have chosen to run for a seat on the Altadena Town Council. It would be an honor to have the opportunity to represent the people who live in Altadena and my goal to hopefully make a difference in this special place we all call our home.

Sincerely,

  
Jon Carmody

## Candidate Statement

Darlene Greene

"Dear Altadena Residents,

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Altadena town council. I am deeply committed to our community and believe that together we can shape a brighter future for Altadena.

Altadena is not just a place we call home; it's a vibrant community filled with diverse voices and unique perspectives. As a candidate for town council, I am dedicated to ensuring that every resident's voice is heard and represented in the decision-making processes that impact our lives.

I bring a wealth of experience in real estate, law and homeless services, and a proven track record of working collaboratively to find innovative solutions to complex challenges. I believe in fostering open and transparent communication, where residents are engaged and informed about the issues that affect our town.

If elected to the town council, I will prioritize the following key areas:

1. **Community Engagement:** I will actively seek your input and feedback, organizing town hall meetings, and leveraging digital platforms to ensure that your concerns and ideas are heard and addressed.
2. **Sustainable Development:** I am committed to responsible growth that preserves the unique character of Altadena while promoting environmentally sustainable practices and addressing infrastructure needs.
3. **Public Safety:** I will work closely with law enforcement agencies and community organizations to enhance public safety measures and ensure the well-being of all residents.

Altadena is a remarkable community, and I am confident that by working together, we can create a town council that truly represents the interests of all residents. I humbly ask for your support and vote in the upcoming election. Let's build a stronger, more inclusive Altadena, where everyone can thrive. Together, we can make a difference.

Thank you,

Darlene Greene  
Candidate for Altadena Town Council"

## **Pat Sutherlen**

### **Statement of Qualifications**

I'm a 30+ year resident of Altadena. Before becoming a Council Member in 2014, I had careers in Sales and Financial Management with major department stores and banks. Those careers have been very valuable to me in the work I have done with the Altadena Town Council for Census Tract #4611. I originally joined the Council because I wanted to know what was going on in Altadena and because I had heard people complain about not knowing how to get things done around town. That is still why I want to serve on this Council

Good communication is essential for a Council Member. I communicate regularly to residents of census tract 4611 to share results of monthly ATC meetings and other information of interest. I have made presentations about the Town Council to community organizations, from Cub Scouts to Seniors. You may have met me at community events where the Town Council occupied a table and provided information to interested residents. Or you may have seen me taking my Miniature Schnauzer, Baxter, for his morning walk (sorry for the barking)

I have served on several committees including the Land Use Committee, Executive Committee as Treasurer or Vice Chair, and Election, Communication, and By-Laws Committees. As a founding member of the Film Committee, I helped develop written information for residents to answer questions regarding filming in Altadena. In doing so, I interfaced with multiple county departments, including Supervisor Barger's office, Public Works, and Public Safety representatives. I am currently working on a committee to update the Council website.

The most important thing a Council Member can do for her/his residents is to LISTEN. This is what I try to do as we work together to share information and procedures. And this is what I intend to do if re-elected.



October 13, 2023

*Statement of Qualifications*

*Reginald A. Wilkins*

*CT 4612*

When I first served on the council nearly 12 years ago (2012), aside from the persistent urging of neighbors including one last night at the NOAA weather radio distribution, the voice that still motivates me for late, unpaid Tuesday nights is still the great poet and novelist James Baldwin. He told us back at UC before the Internet that if we could make Democracy work in America, our example would help guide mankind at large since we are a microcosm of the world. What I see in Altadena is a microcosm of America. It doesn't take a Ph.D. to draw the conclusion – although I do have one.

Be that as it may, it (still) does not speak to whether I should or should be reelected to the Council. This still a decision for the voters who gave me a slim 1 vote margin over a very fine candidate whom I sold as best as I could at the last League of Women Voters forum. (In all honesty, I did not vote for myself as I was on the way to the Mojave Desert for a dark sky outreach event). Since this is duty not ambition, if there are good candidates, I will have no qualm in endorsing and supporting them for the upcoming term.

For the last election we were told to consider a few questions that I will also discuss below:

- *Does she or he represent their Census Tract?*
- *Does she or he represent Altadena?*
- *Does she or he represent California in some sense? America? The world?*

How does one represent a varied CT as we have here, where on one side of my street is a Trump Revenge Tour 2024 flag (although the weather has eaten it up) while others (more I would say) proudly display their rainbow flags and signs respecting and honoring diversity and justice. The only way is to listen and appreciate that much of our opinions are what are parents or siblings gave us with the rest reflecting our fears and hopes. We are still mammals and shrink from loud, unexpected events. While this is not an easy task and sometimes unpleasant, I can report with some assurance that I appreciate their stories as we hang out on the corner of Berendo and Roosevelt to explore the heavens. It is difficult and tiring but I will show up.

Representing our story on these hills of East Altadena is harder but in concrete ways I do my best – shopping at Altadena Hardware, posting my thoughts and arts on our local Facebook group, and showing our kids the magic of the universe at local elementary schools and parks.

While we are nonpartisan, I encourage my friends to vote and vote smart, remembering what is at stake. I share my thoughts with neighbors on our local Presidents' Street List and on the Net. While I have my strong preference for one party, I do not screen my neighbors when I share my writing or the views of the Jupiter's moons. We are one on this one planet. This is indisputable.



As usual, I struggled with the decision to run again as we have two young men at home still somewhat dependent on us and am still a full-time worker along with my spouse. In addition, I am not getting younger (especially the knee) and limping out near 10 pm is pretty tough as I venture further away from youth. This said, I enjoy my colleagues and feel that I more or less represent the best of 4612.

Thank you for your consideration.

Reginald Avery Wilkins, Ph.D.

Juliette Commagere  
(CT 4612)

### Statement of Qualifications

My husband and I moved to Altadena in 2020 to be closer to our children's school, but we decided we are staying because of the misty mornings and amazing friends we've made. I was born in Los Angeles at Cedar's Sinai in 1978, and raised in Brentwood. I went to St. Martin of Tours elementary school and Crossroads high school in Santa Monica. I studied at the Manhattan School of Music and am a few credits shy of getting my BA in Ethnomusicology and Jazz Studies from UCLA. As a working musician this fact has not bothered me once in the last 23 years until this very moment as I write this. I'm half-Mexican, bilingual, and proud of it. My mother still lives in the same house my siblings and I grew up in, and my father would still be there as well had he not passed away six years ago. I'm half-Mexican, bilingual, and proud of it. Over the last 45 years I've watched the westside change, and change, and then change again, into something I barely recognize anymore. I know this is the nature of time, and of capitalism, but I have learned a lot in watching this change. As more and more families and businesses move into Altadena, what do we want our neighborhood to look like in the next 10, 20 or 30 years? Do we want Pottery Barns and Urban Outfitters lining Lake? How can we preserve the beauty and charm of our architecture, oak trees, and open space? How can we support the hard work and entrepreneurship of our mom and pop businesses that make this place feel like a community? How can we make our streets safer, slow down cars and remind people to relax and not rush—we're in Altadena!

I am a mom of two children, aged five and eight, a musician for the last 28 years, and I am one of those people who has always thought of running for city council but never has. I have no vested interests, I only possess a youthful naïveté that anyone can impact change. As part of a community of families with young children, there is probably no other time where one is more passionate about creating a safe, healthy, beautiful, environment for the wide eyed and eager next generation. Let's celebrate this extraordinary community by removing our jaded shell, coming together, really listening to each other, and shepherding Altadena into a future where every person has a first rate quality of life. I ask for your vote.