

Statement of: George Nickle
Candidate for: City Councilmember
City of West Hollywood

Hi, I'm George Nickle. My love of West Hollywood has led me to public service, starting a Neighborhood Watch Group, being an advocate for my neighbors around concerns of development and safety, and serving as a Public Safety Commissioner appointed by Councilmember Lauren Meister. I just want what you want – a safe place to live where residents and businesses can thrive.

West Hollywood is facing serious issues when it comes to Public Safety, Homelessness, and Clean Streets. Current council majority is putting bike lanes, billboards, and their pet-projects before the people who live here.

The most sacred duty of any elected official is to ensure the safety of the people they serve. They cannot guarantee that safety, but it is their responsibility to make it their top priority. As a City Councilmember I will push to hire more sworn deputies and deploy them in our neighborhoods, where Armed Robbery is up year-over-year more than 114%, doing foot and bike patrols.

Fire Station 8 must be replaced as the county itself has deemed the building vulnerable to collapse in a major earthquake. As a Councilmember I will work with City staff and county officials to identify a new location and get it built.

Despite millions spent on the issue of homelessness our city still has people living on our streets. It is not safe for them, for our residents, or visitors. I support the use of the CARE Court to get those on our streets into the mental health and addiction treatment they need.

The plans to take away parking across the City for bike lanes will exacerbate already congested streets, harm local businesses, take parking away from residents, and increase precious response times for our emergency first responders. I oppose it.

And we must protect existing tenets in affordable housing. As your Councilmember I will work to protect existing affordable units and advocate for a one-to-one replacement of all rent stabilized units.

My husband Alex and I have called West Hollywood home for almost 20 years. We rent a duplex on the east side which we share with our senior rescue cats Marie and Sissi. It is where our niece and nephew spent their favorite summer vacations, where Alex and I have had our greatest moments, and where I fell in love with our extraordinary City. I respectfully ask for your vote. To learn more about me, please visit www.nickle4weho.com.