

Statement of: Larry Block
Candidate for: City Councilmember
City of West Hollywood

As we celebrate 40 years of cityhood West Hollywood is at a crossroads. I am a small business owner of BlockParty WeHo and the publisher of WEHOonline. Our community has changed. It's not safe for my employees anymore. The homeless disrupt our business every single day. Crime has gotten worse and we need action to fix these problems.

My plan is to increase our contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff to 30 million dollars using 25% of our budget surplus. I am endorsed by the Chairman of the West Hollywood Public Safety Commission Adam Eramian, as well as Vice Chair Bill Harrison, and former West Hollywood Captain Ed Rameriz. Keeping WeHo safe is my number one priority.

As a commercial renter, I understand what is necessary to incentivize filling our vacant storefronts. As a business owner, we can see the implications of city council policies on our local businesses.

West Hollywood has the highest sales tax and cost of living in the region. Our policies have forced many businesses to close and we must level the playing field.

I do not support the removal of parking and reduction of Fountain Avenue to one lane each way. And I do not support the removal of parking on Gardner, Willoughby and Vista.

A renter's rights initiative I pioneered ten years ago was signed into law this year by Governor Newsom. AB 1620 gives the right to a senior or disabled person to move from an upper floor to a first floor unit with reasonable accommodation.

It's been an honor to serve all of you as a business owner, former Chairman of our Public Facilities Commission and former Chairman of our Disability Advisory Board.

Some of you may know me as the person who secured masks for residents during the Covid 19 pandemic. If there's an emergency again, you can count on me to take action and not wait for county instructions. I will always fight for us.

City hall is broken. Inside dealing has been exposed in multiple whistleblower claims against city hall management. It's time for new leadership. It's time to hold them accountable. I'm running to honor our past, fix our present, and create a future where West Hollywood is the beacon of hope that we all dream of.

I'd be honored to have your support.

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