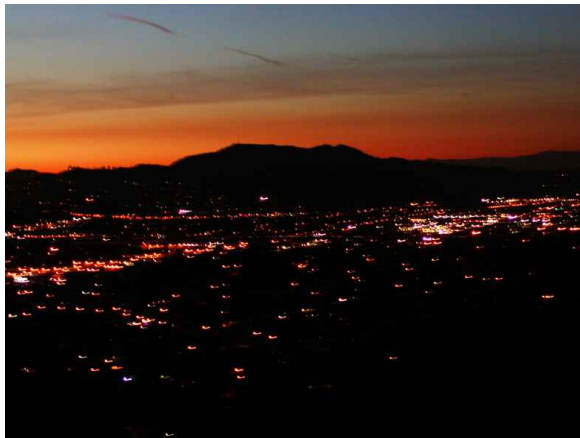




The Mount Washington Homeowners' Alliance:

Add Your Voice By Joining Today!

There's Something About Mount Washington the special community we call home! People are drawn to the magic of Mount Washington — the snowcapped San Gabriel Mountains on a crisp winter morning, the flutter of migrating butterflies on the afternoon breeze, or the old-fashioned, winding streets. Whether we treasure the diversity of people, the morning birdsongs, or the eclectic mix of hillside homes of Craftsman, post-modern and cottage, most of us agree . . . there's something about Mount Washington that brings us home!



A sunset view from Mount Washington

An Alliance of People Who Love Mount Washington

The Mount Washington Homeowner's Alliance (the Alliance) is a community-based, not-for-profit, membership organization established to protect and enhance quality of life for residents of Mount Washington. Whether you're a homeowner or renter in this urban oasis you can count on the Alliance to work for your interests, protecting the investment in your home and community. The Alliance is people—including you—coming together to make our community safe, desirable, strong, and alive!

A Philosophy of Empowerment

The Alliance works for YOU. We welcome your concerns and we listen by conducting surveys or public forums. We are not afraid of a diversity of opinion as we all work toward a shared vision for keeping Mount Washington a great place to live. We urge members to propose ideas, join a committee, and to attend membership meetings. Be empowered—become as active as you can in the Alliance!



Downtown skyscrapers peek over the hill

Protecting Your Neighborhood

Monitoring land use issues in order to ensure the unique character of Mount Washington is the most vital work of the Alliance. The Alliance provides leadership on critical zoning issues. By educating real estate developers and, when necessary, vigorously challenging unwise land use proposals, the Alliance protects Mount Washington from projects that would be detrimental to our distinctive community. The Alliance has a successful track record to prove it!

A Tradition of Integrity

At the Alliance, when we say the Board works for the public interest and you—we mean it. Our unique bylaws require our Board to operate under a strict Code of Ethical Conduct. For instance, a board member or candidate with a personal interest in a real estate project proposed for the neighborhood may not be able to also represent what's best for overall community interest. Under the Code, their service in an Alliance leadership position is barred until such a conflict of interest ends. Each year our Board members sign a pledge providing the community with ongoing assurance that they put the interests of Mount Washington above their own. At our organization, "MWAH" stands for Mount Washington!

Enriching Our Community

The Alliance is excited about its accomplishments. We received a grant from the City of Los Angeles to develop quiet reading garden spots for students at Mount Washington Elementary School. The California Council for the Humanities awarded a grant to develop a comprehensive oral history of Mount Washington. Our Beautification Committee is often found cultivating our bountiful open park space – land preserved forever by work of our activists. We are proud of creative projects that bring people together to collaborate positively!



Mount Washington Drive curves uphill

Keeping You Plugged In

Through its website, member e-mail alerts, and e-newsletter delivery, the Alliance provides members with a new level of grassroots organizational support. Also, six annual newsletters inform members of activities and fun opportunities here and in surrounding communities. Check out www.mountwashingtonalliance.com to find out what's happening!

Having Fun Along The Way

Bi-monthly Alliance membership meetings are informative, fun, and tasty. Enjoy the true spirit of Mount Washington at the annual picnic -- a member favorite, it's a great time for catching up with friends and meeting new neighbors. Walks, bike rides, tours – there are lots of ways to organize community fun with the Alliance!

Our Invitation To You: Please Join Us

OK. We know. You're busy. But our voice is strongest at City Hall when we speak for many. Make a modest dues donation each year. Read the newsletter. The simple act of adding your voice to many others empowers us together!



The Southwest Museum – a treasure trove of artifacts and history on our hill!

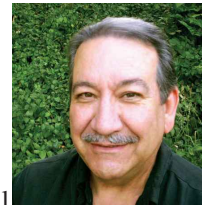
Infectious Enthusiasm For The Alliance...

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Paul Evleth
Three-year Mount Washington resident

“The Alliance, as its newsletter masthead proclaims, truly is ‘The Free Voice of Mount Washington! The Alliance formed when it became obvious to us that we needed a community association that aspired to listen to the community, to work for the overall public good, and to provide empowerment by embracing greater member participation. The Alliance is such an organization because it seeks input from members, requires high ethical performance of its leaders, and encourages new activists in the community. The Alliance is a new spirit of community!”



Stan Sosa
Former President, Mount Washington Association
Founding President, Mount Washington Homeowners' Alliance
29-year resident of Mount Washington

“With my interest in public life and neighborhood issues, the Alliance has provided an artistic outlet for me as a new activist in Mount Washington to be visually creative in order to organize like-minded community residents.”



Yael Pardess
Theatrical Set Designer and Art Director
Eight-year Mount Washington resident

“When a developer first proposed to cram 7 houses into about an acre of land at the bottom of Red Hawk Canyon, the Alliance helped our street organize, monitor, and work to defeat this ill-conceived development. No one on the Alliance board of directors is working to further the interests of such a developer and that peace of mind for the community is priceless.”



Dr. Sharon Murphy
Seven-year Mount Washington resident

“As a long-time community activist, I have seen our community come together in the Alliance for preservation of dwindling open space and natural habitat, and collaborative neighborhood improvement.”



Clare Marter Kenyon
California 45th Assembly District Woman of the Year
Former President, Mount Washington Association
28-year Mount Washington resident and community activist

"I like to go to the picnic. The dessert table is my favorite. I see our friends there. We can go every year. "



Sam Frankel
Life-long resident
(about 7 years)