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November 3, 2020

Candidate Statement of Qualifications

CITY OF: Dana Point
OFFICE SOUGHT: City Council
WARD/DISTRICT #: 4 (if applicable)

NAME: Gary Newkirk

AGE:
(Optional)

OCCUPATION: Media Sales / Photographer

Dana Point's Lantern District has a unique and diverse character, key elements of any great community. When we found our home in the Lantern District in 1997, my wife Kathy and I knew we were here to stay. As your District 4 representative I will advocate for residents, ensuring your voices are heard and carry weight in discussions with outside interests and developers.

My community affairs involvement began in 2005 with an appointment to the city's Residential Building Height Task Force where a diverse group of stakeholders working together solved a longstanding problem by establishing equitable, common sense zoning for development on challenging lots that had previously required variances. From 2009 to 2015, I served on Dana Point's Planning Commission, advocating for responsible development, zoning compliance and projects that reflect the character of the community. In Town Center I held development interests accountable with the Town Center Plan dissenting against projects that didn't comply while welcoming those that did.

I would be honored to serve as your council representative. I can be trusted to work hard to preserve residential neighborhoods, ensure fiscal responsibility, increase transparency, enhance public safety and represent residents' desires.

INSTRUCTIONS: (Elections Code § 13307)

Customize instructions for city.

Date 8/6/20

