

CPPOA'S PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association (CPPOA) is the oldest established neighborhood association for the Cahuenga Pass community on the west side of the 101 Freeway (from Cahuenga Blvd West/Mulholland/Woodrow Wilson on the South, to Lankershim Blvd on the north, and along Cahuenga Blvd West on the east).

CPPOA was founded in the early 1950's to represent and steward the needs, interests and quality of life in this hillside community. CPPOA is open to and welcomes all residential property owners and tenants and business property owners and tenants.

Below is a list of some of CPPOA's accomplishments.

- Halted a Caltrans plan to widen and double-deck the 101 Freeway through the Cahuenga Pass.
- Reduced concert noise by working with then-County Supervisor Ed Edelman to enclose Universal Studios' open-air Amphitheater.
- Fought for helicopter regulations by the FAA to eliminate noisy non-emergency and sight-seeing flights over our local neighborhood (the "Fly Neighborly" program).
- Stopped Universal's late-1990's planned theme park expansion and reduced by 60% their overall expansion while still encouraging studio development.
- Halted Universal Studios' plan to build a parking structure in the greenscape along the Hollywood Freeway that was described by one City planner as "resembling a waffle iron and the size of the World Trade Center laid on its side."
- Monitoring commercial development in the area, including Universal's most recent Evolution Plan expansion, and protect the viability of our local businesses.
- Working to attract community-serving retail businesses, especially food service establishments, to promote a "walkable" community.
- Reviewing and investigating all liquor license applications and attending County Planning Commission liquor license hearings.
- Oversaw neighborhood traffic problems and the Barham-Cahuenga Corridor Improvement Study (often colloquially called "The Dogbone Study" because of the shape of the study area).
- Successfully fought off efforts by Valley Vote to preemptively force our neighborhood to become part of the Valley secession movement (when polled, 93% of respondents to our survey wanted to remain as part of either Hollywood or Los Angeles).
- Monitored the MTA subway development including the preservation of South Weddington Park and the historic Campo de Cahuenga.

- Obtained recognition by City Hall and City Planning of the Cahuenga Pass as a community distinct from Studio City and Toluca Lake.
- Having Cahuenga Pass signs made and posted to demarcate our neighborhood.
- Developed a new community Streetscape Plan that became law and which is implemented when any new project is built or a current project is significantly remodeled.
- Designed, installed and maintained community beautification and clean-up measures (Fire Station 76 landscaping, tree planting, graffiti eradication, street rail painting, and more).
- Worked with Universal Studios to re-landscape and re-paint and improve our local Fire Station 76.
- Demanded and received a new stoplight at Oakcrest Drive and Cahuenga Blvd West for safer ingress and egress of parents dropping off and picking up students at Valley View Elementary School.
- Demanded and received a new stop sign installed across from Valley View Elementary School at Woodrow Wilson Drive and Treasure Trail.
- Established active Neighborhood Watch programs that helped lower crime stats in our neighborhood.
- Set up a Neighborhood Watch Anti-Crime Program to preserve the residential character of our neighborhood as a safe place to live.

CPPOA Board Members have been members of or chaired the following important local groups:

- The Plan Review Board of the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan
- The Cahuenga Pass Coalition, formed to monitor development in the Cahuenga Pass and Hollywood areas
- The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Barham-Cahuenga Corridor Traffic Improvement Study
- Our former president, Dan Bernstein, helped to form the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council (HHWNC) and served as its first President.
- Traffic Committee of the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council
- Area 2 Chair of the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council
- The Regional Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee for Prop K funds
- The PTA of Valley View Elementary School

- Founding member of Communities United for Smart Growth (CUSG) to monitor development of NBCUniversal's Evolution Plan
- Member of the Coalition of Freeway Residents
- Member of the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations (Hillside Fed)

CPPOA's Board of Directors meets and talks regularly with our elected City & County officials to help guide the future of this community. We have long-term and very well-established relationships with those officials, who consult with us on neighborhood issues as well as respond to our concerns.