

## Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) Candidate Statement (optional)

First Name: IRWIN P. Last Name: COHEN

I purchased my house in what is now called Porter Ranch in Oct. 1965 and our family has lived there ever since. Before then we lived in Granada Hills near Rinaldi and Swinton for ten years. I am a retired Aeronautical Engineer and retired Air Force Officer. I am one of the original co-founder of the PRNC and helped certify our council.

I believe Porter Ranch should be a suburban community resisting any attempt to urbanize. Commercial development should be restricted to satisfying the commercial needs of the residential community only. Porter Ranch should be and strive to become the Bel-Air or Brentwood community of the Northwest Valley with housing values reflecting this status.

The Council is not a legislative body but was established by the City as an advisory body to the local council person. We should follow that guideline. Our duties should be to take the pulse of the community as to its needs and desires and convey that information to our local council person. We should be spending the \$50,000 of taxpayer money we receive in surveying the community's desire and advising the councilman by written communication every 6 months as to our findings.

We should be the ombudsman for the community and advise the community as to the results of our actions. We should not be distributing the \$50,000 to the community in the form of patronage to the various city local departments.

We should work towards having a permanent PRNC local office where our records can be kept for local information and tracing and feedback to the community. We need to attract more locals to participate in the Council business and therefore we should be spending more money on outreach such as advertising and surveying. Thank you.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature: Irwin P. Cohen Date: 5/7/00

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT**