

WILSHIRE CENTER-KOREATOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR VACANT WCKNC SEAT: JORDAN KING FOR BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE SEAT

I'm applying for the Business Stakeholder seat because I operate Lore & Learning, a political and governance consulting practice, out of the Wilshire Center-Koreatown district. My work is governance itself — I help organizations build transparent budgets, fair decision-making processes, and structures that share power instead of concentrating it. I bring that same practice to my own business and want to bring it to this board. I also serve as Board Treasurer for an arts-based harm reduction nonprofit Downtown, where I've seen how transparency, community, and accountability either open participation to a or quietly close it off.

A neighborhood isn't a collection of separate interests competing for attention — it's an ecosystem, and businesses, residents, renters, and community organizations all depend on each other whether the council's structure reflects that or not. A thriving local economy needs residents who show up and invest their time, and a thriving community needs local economic life that doesn't extract from the neighborhood but actually circulates back into it. I'm interested in serving on the NC to help build the connective tissue between stakeholder groups — pushing for collaboration across categories, shared investment in community initiatives, and a council culture where growing and creating is best done together. Democracy has gotten very ugly in this country, and I'd like to participate in a way that at least in Koreatown/Wilshire Center it gets healthier.

I don't come to this seat with a fixed agenda. I come with a track record of building systems that work for the people inside them, and a genuine commitment to listening before acting. I'd be honored to represent this district's business community on the WCKNC board.