

**STATEMENT OF MARY JOHNSON
CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION TO AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL**

My decision to run for re-election to the Agua Dulce Town Council is rooted in a strong belief that we should never take for granted the quality of life we enjoy in Agua Dulce. Simply put, our community is a great place to live. It's important to provide representation to everyone who lives here; whether you've lived here for 30 years or if you've just moved in.

The duties of a town council member are many and varied. To do the job properly many hours of meeting and research time are required. My experience on the Council puts me in a position of understanding the County processes and knowing the professional, effective approach to be heard.

As a community leader, I believe you must take on certain responsibilities to make the Council an effective body. I have served the Council as Treasurer and currently I hold the office of Recording Secretary.

As chair of the Parks and Trails Committee, I have engaged with County officials regarding the proposed Interpretive Center at Vasquez Rocks and the updated Backbone Trails Plan. As chair, I also encouraged Supervisor Antonovich to pursue County acquisition of any property for sale adjacent to Vasquez Rocks. Serving on the CSD Revision Committee, I assisted in getting the document out of hibernation and out to the public for review.

Being appreciative of the similarities with other rural town councils, I have acted on developing working relationships with the Leona Valley Town Council and the Acton Town Council on common interests and issues.

And finally chairing the ADAPT (Agua Dulce Against Power Towers) Team last year allowed me to work with a dedicated, hard-working group of diverse community members with a common goal--preventing 200 foot power towers from bisecting our town. The team worked with the offices of California Assemblywoman Audra Strickland, former California Assemblyman Keith Richman, California Senator George Runner, US Congressman Buck McKeon, and Governor Schwarzenegger. The work on that committee involved forming the team, active fund raising, coordination of a formal response, and soliciting support of our State and Federal government officials; all accomplished within a 4 week timeframe. Frequent reports kept the community informed of the progress of the project. I am particularly proud to have been part of that successful campaign and proud to live a community that stepped up the task.

I have demonstrated I'm willing to educate myself continually so I can make informed decisions. I ask for your vote on November 6th.