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RECENT LEGISLATION

Regulating "Wobblettes"...



On May 22, 2013 the Los Angeles City Attorney issued an interoffice memorandum regarding revised filing guidelines for direct citations. The memorandum lists crimes that may be filed as misdemeanor or infraction offenses (wobblers or wobblettes) and states that "all

violations on the list that are cited on a written notice to appear ***without an accompanying narrative*** shall be deemed infractions." Further, it states that the law enforcement agency "should also include a brief statement of the reason that the charge should be prosecuted as a misdemeanor," when the law enforcement agency seeks that one of the listed crimes be prosecuted as such.

On July 25, 2013 in response to this memorandum, the Los Angeles Police Department distributed a similar memorandum to its commanding officers which omitted the emphasized "***without an accompanying narrative***" that appears foremost in the City Attorney's memo.

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This discrepancy makes it easy for the reader to assume that discretion is taken away both from the officer and the prosecuting attorney in pursuing misdemeanor criminal charges when they are warranted. This was evidenced both in media coverage of these memoranda that reported that the Los Angeles Police Department had reclassified misdemeanors as infractions, and from the reaction to said coverage by concerned stakeholders.

Due to the confusion caused by this difference in wording between the two memorandum in the community, and the very likely outcome that upon reading the LAPD notice officers will deem all listed wobblettes as infractions, as well as the serious impacts the crimes listed have on our communities, it is important to consider these memorandum further.

Today, I drafted a motion to the City Council asking that the LAPD be requested to delay implementation of its July 25th memorandum until the policy change can be reviewed by the Police Commission and the Public Safety Committee.

In addition, I will ask that the LAPD and the City Attorney report back to the Public Safety Committee with an in depth analysis of the their respective memorandum, including the rationale for the change being recommended for each crime listed, the number of citations and the resulting court outcomes for each crime listed, anticipated impacts if any from the changed guidelines, and a history of how crimes that may be filed as misdemeanor or infraction offenses are cited and prosecuted.

-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember, Twelfth District

Update: Allowing for Online Filing of Police Reports...

On Tuesday, I was pleased that the Los Angeles Police Commission, which oversees the Los Angeles Police Department, allowed the department to proceed with a plan I proposed in February to shift some nonviolent crime reporting online, as well as shift requests for copies of police reports to an online filing system.



Currently filing a police report has been a very time consuming task both for the public and the police. Moving to a web-based system will not only increase efficiency at the Police Department, but it will also make filing a report more convenient for citizens. Rather than having to call the LAPD and wait for officers to respond to minor infractions, citizens can get online and file a report themselves.

The Police Department's website offers a great deal of important information such as crime mapping and submitting anonymous tips, but it has not provided a way for the public to file police reports

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CD12 Community Service Center

We have consolidated our Northridge and Chatsworth offices into a single location in Chatsworth. The new Community Service Center will allow us to serve you better, by offering residents the opportunity to meet one-on-one with representative from various City Departments get direct assistance. We will announce details on that service in coming weeks.

HOURS

Mon - Fri
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

CONTACT INFO

Phone:
(818) 882-1212
Fax: (818) 701-5254

Address:
9207 Oakdale Ave.,
Chatsworth, CA 91311

You can still reach our City Hall Office at (213) 473-7012 and email us at Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org

Community Events & Resources

Help Operation Blankets of Love Provide Comfort to Animals in Shelters

electronically. This motion will allow the public to file their own reports and give them better access to police services.

Under the plan, the City will contract with one of a handful of software companies that currently offer online police reporting systems. The selected company will integrate the online component into LAPD's existing tracking systems.

[Click here](#) to the motion I submitted to the City Council in February.

-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember, Twelfth District

Councilmember Mitchell Englander's Mid-Term in Review...



To see the Mid-Term in Review book, [click here](#).

To have a printed copy of the book mailed to you, please send us an email with your name and address at Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org

You can help keep cats and dogs in City Animal Shelters warm and comfortable by supporting the efforts of Operation Blankets of Love. The San Fernando Valley based non-profit organization gathers donated blankets, towels and pet beds and distributes them to animal shelters.

Donation items can be dropped off at Pet People, located at 18040 Chatsworth St. in Granada Hills.

You can also donate money to support Operation Blankets of Love by [clicking here](#) or calling Brad Smulson at (818) 402-65

New SAFE Center Now Open Granada Hills

You can drop off electronic devices, paint, pool and garden chemicals, motor oil, batteries, fluorescent lightbulbs and other Household Hazardous Waste at the new SAFE Center located Balboa Blvd. 1/2 block south of Devonshire St. in Granada Hills.

**SAFE Center
Open Saturdays & Sundays,
am - 3 pm**

Just drive in and open your trunk and the staff at the SAFE Center will remove your Household Hazardous Waste for you. To see a list of items that are accepted and other information [click here](#)



[311 Online](#)

In addition to calling 311 to report problems or request services:

COMMUNITY NEWS

CD 12 "Crazy Sock Day" Sock Drive...



This Tuesday was "Crazy Sock Day" for the Los Angeles City Councilmembers. The Los Angeles City Council launched a two--week competitive sock drive between the 15 Council Districts in hopes of generating thousands of pairs of new and gently used sock donations for homeless men, women and children in Los Angeles.

The initiative was born out of a gag gift - "crazy socks" - given to all councilmembers by Council President Herb Wesson on the first day of the new Council session.



Each of the City's fifteen Council offices will compete to see which can most effectively mobilize their networks for the most donations.

Many established charities will provide all types of clothing for the homeless, but, since most people throw out used socks instead of

donating them, they are frequently in short supply and there is always a great need.

The drive runs from August 14 - August 28, and all socks collected will be donated to the Midnight Mission in Downtown Los Angeles and be distributed city-wide.

For every new pair of socks donated Coldwell Banker Quality Properties in Porter Ranch will match the donation.

Let's make CD 12 the winner of this contest!!!

Please bring your sock donations to the following locations by

you can use 311 online.

Visit
[311 Website](#)
and find the appropriate servi

Ongoing

Volunteers Needed for the Crisis Response Team

The seven-week training CRT training program runs from Ma 4 through April 17 on Monday and Wednesday evenings at th LAPD headquarters in downto Volunteers with bilingual capability in Spanish and Kore are particularly needed.

CRT consists of trained community volunteers who respond at the request of the L Police and Fire Departments where there are victims of viol crimes, accidents, and other traumatic incidents. CRT volunteers provide immediate scene crisis intervention, offer comfort to victims, act as liaiso between victims and emergent personnel, and give referrals to victims and their families to so services.

To apply online, [click here](#). For more information, email Jeffrey Zimerman at LACRT@lacity.o

Check Out LocateLA, a Powerful Business Research Tool

LocateLA is a powerful new tool created by the City to offer a fr database of commercial properties in L.A. It includes an interactive map, with business finder, property finder, incentiv finder, business start up organizer, and much more. It is meant to help new businesses

Wednesday, August 28:

CD 12 Community Service Center
9207 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

City Hall Office
200 N. Spring Street, Room 405
Los Angeles
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

North Valley Family YMCA
11336 Corbin Avenue
Northridge
Monday - Friday, 5:00 am to 10:00 pm
Saturday, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

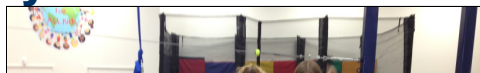
Coldwell Banker Quality Properties
11280 Corbin Avenue
Porter Ranch
Hours of Operation
Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Video: Councilmember Englander's E12: E-xcellence in Public Service Leadership Program



Grand Opening of We Rock the Spectrum Kids Gym...

This last Saturday, August 10,



start up and help existing businesses move to the City of Los Angeles. It is also useful for anyone wanting to learn about our community. In addition to photos and details about the property, it lists demographic, labor force, comparable rents and more.

[Click here to see this great new tool.](#)

Free Mulch for Your Garden

You can get free mulch for your garden from the City's Mulch Giveaway Program! The free mulch is made from recycled yard trimmings and other "green waste" from the green bins.

Recycling green waste is an important way to reduce the amount of organic material that goes into landfills. When plant materials go into landfills, they emit large amounts of the greenhouse gas methane, which contributes to climate change. The City turns that green waste into mulch which is available to L.A. residents for free.

Free Mulch Locations in the San Fernando Valley

16600 Roscoe Pl., North Hills (near Van Nuys Airport)
 Mulch delivered to this location Wednesdays & Fridays. Open daily 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

15800 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys (near D.C. Tillman Plant).
 Entrance: turn south on Densmore Ave. from Victory, follow curve.
 Mulch delivered to this location every Monday.
 Open Monday - Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

2013 marked the grand opening of We Rock the Spectrum Kids Gym at the Fallbrook Mall in West Hills. Our Field Deputy, Jessie Levine, presented a Certificate to the staff and community.

We Rock the Spectrum Kids Gym provides a safe, nurturing, and fun environment for ALL KIDS, to foster learning, exploration and safe sensory experiences. They are committed to offering a place for events and special services for families and therapists, who are treating and working with kids on the spectrum, as well as their family and friends.

We Rock the Spectrum Kids Gym provides children with a fun and motivational environment to help them in the areas of strength, movement and sensory processing, communication experiences, behavior modifications, social interactions and self care skills.

-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember, Twelfth District

Check Out Our New Website...



www.CD12.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunset Picnic Hike at Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park...



The foundation for the preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains is hosting a Hike and Sunset Picnic at Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. They will hike to the Upper

For more info [click here](#).

Neighborhood Public Safety Crime, and Emergency Information Updates from LAPD on NIXLE

Free updates on emergencies, public safety, crime prevention and more, directly from the LA to your cell phone or email inbox.

Residents can sign up to receive updates directed toward one or more specific neighborhoods. sign up or learn more, visit www.NIXLE.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IN CD12

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[West Hills](#)

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Meadow near Stoner's Jump, picnic and learn about the old Stagecoach Route through the Santa Susana Pass.

Saturday, August 17
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Meeting Point: Lilac Lane entrance to the Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park

To get to Lilac Lane: Take Topanga Canyon north, and just past Stoney Point is the Santa Susana Pass Road. Turn left. After you pass the Rocky Peak exit off the 118, start looking to your left for Lilac Lane. Turn left on Lilac Lane. Drive a short way and look to your left for a large dirt parking lot with a State Parks wooden kiosk. Park in the dirt parking lot and meet at the kiosk.

If you have any questions, please contact State Parks Interpretive Specialist Jennifer Dandurand, SantaSusana@parks.ca.gov.

Indian Independence Day Celebration...

The India Association of Los Angeles invites you to attend their 14th Annual Indian Independence Day Celebration! This free event offers a cultural show, vendors, great food, rock climbing, jumpers for the kids and a health fair.



Saturday, August 17
3:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Granada Hills Charter High School
10535 Zelzah Avenue
Granada Hills

For more information contact laasfv@gmail.com or call 818-600-1495.

"Compost Work Party" at Highland Hall Waldorf School...



Highland Hall Waldorf School invites the residents of Council District 12 to join them for a free community event. On Sunday, August 18, Highland Hall is hosting a "Compost Work Party" in their bio-dynamic garden.

This fun learning experience will be led by Nitza Bernard, Highland Hall's Biodynamic Gardener. This is a great opportunity to learn about Biodynamics.

Sunday, August 18
10:00 am – 1:30 pm

Highland Hall Waldorf School
17100 Superior Street
Northridge

So, wear your work clothes, gardening gloves and a sunhat, pack a picnic, and get ready to have some truly down-to-earth fun!

For more information visit www.highlandhall.org or call (818)349-1394.

Veterans and Family Resource Expo...

The San Fernando Veterans Employment Committee and the Project Living Hope will be hosting the Veterans and Family Resource Expo at the Van Nuys Armory. This will give Veterans and their families an opportunity to learn different



about different resources that are available for them.

Thursday, August 22
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

California Army National Guard - Van Nuys Armory
17330 Victory Blvd.
Van Nuys

If you have any questions please call: 818 596-4448 or [click here](#).

New Horizons partners with Macy's for eight annual "Shop for a Cause"...



Macy's will partner with New Horizons to invite customers to participate in Macy's eighth annual

national "Shop For A Cause" charity shopping event on August 24. Customers can purchase shopping passes from New Horizons now. Macy's "Shop For A Cause" is a unique one-day-only shopping event created to support local charities' fundraising efforts, which has helped raised more than \$46 million for charities across the country since 2006.

Macy's has provided New Horizons with shopping passes to sell for \$5 each. New Horizons will keep 100 percent of every shopping pass it sells. The more New Horizons sells the more money they will raise!

By purchasing a shopping pass from New Horizons, customers help support the programs and services the agency provides to its clients with special needs while enjoying a day of spectacular discounts, entertainment and special events at Macy's. Pass holders will receive special discounts on most regular, sale and clearance purchases all day, but some exclusions do apply.

Saturday, August 24
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Available at any Macy's Store

To purchase a shopping pass from New Horizons, contact Shade Mokuolu at 818-221-0651 or smokuolu@newhorizons-sfv.org.

West End Art Walk Returns to Chatsworth...

Shops at West End Chatsworth in collaboration with the Chatsworth Fine Arts Council present the 2nd Annual West End Art Walk. The art walk will feature a showcase of galleries, artists, restaurants, shops and small businesses located in the Historic West End of Chatsworth.



Friday, August 30
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

21800 Devonshire Street
Chatsworth

The West End Art Walk is dedicated to enhancing the economic development and revitalization of the community for businesses, visitors, and residents. Join us and you could win tickets to the Hollywood Bowl!

For more information please contact (818) 341-8888 or info@we-shops.com.

Diversity of Fundraising Luncheon...

On Thursday, September 5, the

Association of Fundraising Professionals will be having a panel discussion on diversity in fundraising. Diversity extends beyond finances, gender and race. Hear how our panelists use diversity positively.

Panelists include Semee Park, a Field Deputy from Councilmember Englander's office representing the communities of the northwest San Fernando Valley, and Patricia Garcia, founder of Power Media is well known in the community. Garcia was nominated by the LA Business Journal as one of the finalists amongst a group of extraordinary Latino honorees.

Thursday, September 5
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Courtyard by Marriot Sherman Oaks
15433 Ventura Boulevard
Sherman Oaks

Register now through this [link](#).

2013 Texas Hold'em and Blackjack Tournament Fundraiser...



Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Annual Fundraiser and is inviting our community members here in Council District 12. On Saturday, September 14 they will have the tournament fundraiser. All proceeds go to the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, September 14
5:30 pm – 10:00 pm

VFW Post 2323
17552 Chatsworth Street
Granada Hills

For more information call the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce:
(818)368-3235

Devonshire PALS 40th Birthday Party...

Come celebrate on September 28th at the Greig Smith LAPD Devonshire Youth Center. Join us for food, fun and live music as the



friends of PALS past and present gather together for the birthday celebration of the year. LAPD Devonshire PALS is dedicated to developing character in youth, reducing juvenile crime and creating safer communities...

Saturday, September 28

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Devonshire PALS

8721 Wilbur Ave

Northridge, CA

Tickets will be sold at \$60.00 per person and to purchase tickets please click this [link](#).

STAFF REPORTS

Reports From Our Staff:

Our Chief Legislative Deputy, Doug Tripp, would like to remind you that the Mayor's Crisis Response Team (CRT) is looking for volunteers to participate in the Fall 2013 class and become active CRT volunteers. Members of the Mayor's Crisis Response Team (CRT) are volunteers who respond to traumatic incidents at



the request of the Los Angeles Police and Los Angeles Fire Departments. CRT volunteers provide immediate on-scene crisis intervention, act as a liaison between the victim and emergency personnel and give referrals to victims and their families affected by a death, a violent crime or other traumatic incidents. These During the required seven week training you will be provided the background, information, training and support to be able to respond to crisis situations.

Monday and Wednesday Evenings

September 9 - October 23

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Los Angeles Police Department Headquarters

100 W 1st Street

Los Angeles

To download the application form [click here](#)

For more information email lacrt@lacity.org or find more on [Facebook](#)

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