



Dear friend --

Hope your September is off to a great start! There is a lot going on at the NCSA this month - please check out highlights, below, and then join us!

NCSA pilot online water resources hub: project team opportunity

To address Neighborhood Council resource needs identified at a drought action stakeholder engagement workshop held in May, the NCSA is excited to launch -- with support from EPA and the North American Association for Environmental Education -- a project to develop an online learning community for Neighborhood Councils wishing to share local water resources and practices. The project runs from now until the end of the year. We invite Neighborhood Council stakeholders with an interest in online collaboration tools and/or water conservation, and who can commit 4+ hours a month (mostly virtually), to join our project team! For more information, please send us a note: NCSA@EmpowerLA.org.

Congress of Neighborhoods: NCSA mixer + LA2050 interactive exhibit

Attending the 2015 [Congress of Neighborhoods](#) on Saturday, September 26? Be sure to check out the several great sessions on environmental and sustainability topics, and join us both during and directly following the Congress to co-design a sustainable future for LA!

During the Congress, stop by the NCSA outreach table and collaborate with a team of visual design artists to help shape the "[LA2050](#)" Plan -- which aims to make LA

the best place to learn, create, play, connect, and live by 2050.

Afterwards, engage with our design team and enjoy appetizers and a drink with your Neighborhood Council colleagues at the NCSA's informal mixer -- a 3-5 minute walk from City Hall at the [Justice Urban Tavern](#).

All Congress attendees are welcome to the mixer, but space is limited! Please RSVP [here](#), then stop by the NCSA table during the Congress to pick up a beverage ticket for the mixer event.

Many thanks to the hard work of the NCSA governing board and committee volunteers, and generous support by the [Goldhirsh Foundation](#), [TreePeople](#), and the [Co-Design Group](#), for making this event possible!

Opportunities to get involved with the NCSA

The NCSA initiative was announced a year ago this month. Today, with the help of many dedicated volunteers, we have a governing board, eight committees, several hundred supporters, and multiple partners. We continue to build momentum and look forward to an impactful year ahead! We encourage you to get involved with us, share your voice, and help us shape a sustainable future for LA! Here's how you can join our efforts:

- Ask your Neighborhood Council to join Atwater Village, Historic Highland Park, Northridge East, Silver Lake, and Valley Village as new members of NCSA! Together, we can have a stronger voice on environmental and sustainability issues. Please review our [bylaws](#) and [learn how your Neighborhood Council can join](#).
- Join the growing number of Neighborhood Councils that have formed sustainability or green committees, as did Greater Wilshire, Studio City, and Van Nuys this summer!
- Connect with NCSA and NC green leaders at our Facebook [page](#) and [group](#) to: stay abreast of the latest sustainability news that affects LA and Neighborhood Councils; share resources and calls to action with other NCs and NC green and sustainability committees; or get help with questions!
- Join one of our committees or working groups! Current opportunities include: Advocacy, Collaborative Tools / Technology, Communications / Marketing,

Fund Development, Governance, Programming, and Water. (We ask for a minimum commitment of four hours a month.) To learn more, please contact us: NCSA@EmpowerLA.org.

- Become an NCSA Outreach Liaison for your BONC Planning Area! We currently have opportunities in the Harbor, South LA, and West LA Planning Areas. For details, please contact us: NCSA@EmpowerLA.org.

Sustainability advocacy opportunities

Check out the new [Advocacy Spotlight](#) page on our website, which highlights advocacy opportunities for Neighborhood Councils!

Also, be sure to check out [our running list of council file motions](#) that relate to sustainability!

Thank you!

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