



Will you be joining your Neighborhood Council colleagues at the free [Congress of Neighborhoods](#) this Saturday? We hope so! We know that the Congress steering committee has worked hard to bring all of us a day packed with valuable workshops and networking opportunities.

The NCSA would like to highlight a few Congress and Post-Congress activities that our volunteers have planned for you -- please join us!

NCSA + LA2050 interactive exhibit

From 7:45 am - 3 pm, drop by the NCSA exhibit table and say hello! Learn about NCSA's upcoming programs and current membership, advocacy, and project opportunities. Share your ideas with us. Collaborate with an award-winning design team (visiting with us from Vancouver) to help shape the "[LA2050](#)" initiative -- which aims to make LA the best place to learn, create, play, connect, and live by 2050. (Please allow at least 5-10 minutes to participate in this creative dialogue and drawing activity. You can stop by our table early in the day if you'd like to reserve a specific time slot during lunch or a break, or just walk up.)

Post-Congress NCSA mixer + LA2050

From 4:30 - 6:30 pm, interact with our design team while enjoying 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 today [here](#), then stop by the NCSA table during the Congress to pick up your drink ticket for the mixer.

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!

Sustainability-focused Congress workshops

Thanks to NCSA board members Glenn Bailey, Lucia Marano, and Torin Dunnavant for planning the following workshop sessions. Please join us!

- **10:50 am - 12:05 pm: Mobility Plan 2035 and L.A.'s Great Streets**

Moderator: Glenn Bailey, NCSA Governing Board member and Vice-Chair of the City Bicycle Advisory Committee

Presenters: David Somers, Mobility Planner with LA Department of City Planning; Helen Leung, Co-Executive Director of LA-Más; Don Larson, Co-Chair of Northridge Sparkle; Chris Sales, President of Northridge South NC and Chair of Northridge Vision; Nicole Bernson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Council President Pro Tempore Mitchell Englander

The new Mobility Plan 2035, part of the City's General Plan, was adopted by the City Council on August 11, 2015 (Council File 15-0719). The Plan contains goals, policies, and programs that establish a vision for a balanced transportation system, accommodating all users and modes of travel. Learn how the Plan will be implemented and what role your Neighborhood Council will have. In June 2014, Mayor Garcetti announced the first 15 Great Streets, with the goal of generating economic activity by making them into lively and walkable corridors which attract businesses and serve as neighborhood gathering places. Learn from the experience of stakeholders and officials who have participated in the creation of the first of these Great Streets -- Reseda Boulevard in Northridge. Four panelists will share their first-hand knowledge of how to launch a successful program, attract stakeholder and business participation, and how to grow and adapt that program to new challenges and opportunities.

- **2:45 - 4:00 pm: LA's Sustainable City pLAN; What it Means for your Community**

Moderator: Lucia Marano, NCSA Governing Board member & Silver Lake Green Committee member.

Mayor Garcetti introduced the Los Angeles Sustainable City pLAN in April. In it lie huge goals for improving Los Angeles across a number of different issue areas - transportation, housing, energy, water, air quality, etc. The mayor and the city agencies that are responsible for environmental services are looking to neighborhood councils for support and guidance on how to make our city more healthy and sustainable. This panel session and discussion will bring together experts on some of the areas of focus of the pLAN and allow neighborhood leaders to develop strategies for inspiring their communities to lead the charge. Topics and speakers:

- Urban Ecosystems (speaker: Clare Fox, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council)

- Actions steps taken by Council District 5, with a focus on climate change (speaker: Andy Shrader, Director of Environmental Affairs, Water Policy & Sustainability from the Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz, City Council, District 5)
- Mayor's Office of Sustainability, with a focus on Housing and an overview on the pLAN (speaker: Jeanalee Obergfell, Analyst, Sustainability -- Budget & Innovation Team)
- General overview of air quality in Los Angeles with focus on SCAQMD's Environmental Justice initiatives & alternative fuel vehicle programs (speaker: Derrick Alatorre, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor in the Legislative & Public Affairs Division, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD))

Questions? Please [contact us!](#)

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