



## **NCSA nominated for Green Festival Community Award - please support us!**

The NCSA's Cool Blocks LA program -- which, in collaboration with the City of Los Angeles and Empowerment Institute, builds climate-friendly, socially connected, and resilient neighborhoods, block by block -- is in the running for a [Green Festival Community Award](#)! Finalist projects were selected based on their demonstration of creative ideas, measurable goals, and direct benefit to the local, sustainable community.

Awards are decided by the public. YOUR support will help us to grow Cool Blocks LA. Will you take a few seconds to [vote online for us](#), then spread the word and share the post? You can vote online until THIS Thur, Sept. 15, at 5 PM.

We also invite you to [join us at the Green Festival Expo](#), happening this weekend (Fri, Sept. 16 to Sun, Sept. 18) at the LA Convention Center. Explore the Green Festival Marketplace of over 250 exhibitors, learn from over 50 inspirational speakers, indulge in delicious vegan or vegetarian food, and learn how to live a more sustainable lifestyle! Friends of NCSA receive \$5 off tickets bought online; use Guest Discount Coupon Code XLA164Z78.

[We also seek volunteers who can help us staff our outreach booth](#). If you have two hours to hang out with us this weekend, we'll provide you -- and up to two of your friends or family members -- with free admission to the event! Please [sign up here](#) by this Thur, Sept 15 if you can help out.

Thank you very much for your support, and we hope to see you at the Festival!

## **Join us! 2016 Congress of Neighborhoods + Pizza Social**

Please plan to join the NCSA at the 2016 Congress of Neighborhoods, coming up on next Sat, Sept 24 at City Hall! This free conference offers: 40 workshops addressing community quality of life issues and solutions, including Cool Blocks LA, sustainability, resilience, and related topics; networking opportunities; exhibits; and breakfast and lunch. Register today: <http://www.nccongressla.com/>

Then, come unwind with us after the Congress. We'll be at Pitfire Pizza, an easy walk from City Hall. The NCSA will provide pizza, pasta, and salad; beer, wine, and other beverages available for purchase. Spaces are limited and going fast - we recommend you RSVP soon, [here](#).

Finally, we seek volunteers who can offer 45 to 90 minutes of their time to help us staff the NCSA outreach table at the Congress, or greet guests at our post-Congress pizza social. [You can sign up here](#). Thank you!

### **Events and opportunities**

**Sept 14+.** [Sustainable Works Green Living Workshops](#), various locations

**Sept 16-18.** [Green Festival Expo](#), DTLA

**Sept 20.** Applications open: [2016 Great Streets Challenge](#), City of LA

**Sept 24.** [Congress of Neighborhood Councils](#), DTLA

**Sept 25.** [River LA Urban Garden Party](#), The Viaduct at LA State Historic Park

**Sept 27.** [The True Cost Film screening](#), hosted by Sustainable Works, Santa Monica

**Oct 1.** Application deadline: [Theodore Payne Native Plant Garden Tour seeks native gardens](#)

**Oct 7.** [LADWP La Kretz Innovation Campus Grand Opening](#), DTLA

**Oct 18-20.** [Earth Now: Earth 2050 Symposium](#), UCLA

### **Welcome, new NCSA members!**

Thanks to recent support by the Echo Park, Granada Hills South, Northridge West, and Porter Ranch Neighborhood Councils, the NCSA is now 27 NC members strong! Not a member yet? Learn more [here](#).

### **Connect with us on Facebook**

Want to find or share local sustainability events, resources, or opportunities for action? Need help with a community sustainability challenge? Join your peers and the NCSA today at our [Facebook Group](#) and [Facebook Page](#).

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