



Friend—

We hope you're doing ok, given the fires, the earthquake, the death of RBG, and—oh yeah, the pandemic! We certainly have our work cut out for us, and there is plenty to do!

Congress of Neighborhoods THIS Saturday, September 26

Please join us this Saturday for our first virtual Congress of Neighborhoods. We will be hosting a networking session from noon to 1:30 and will share with you our hot-off-the-presses **NC toolkit for LA's Green New Deal**. We'll dive into it, get your feedback, brainstorm ideas, and talk about next steps. Learn more about the Congress and RSVP at www.nccongressla.com.

Growing Vibrant Communities: Inventory into Action—Zoom forum hosted by the City THIS MORNING

From our trees committee—

Kick off the fall tree planting season, learn about the City's tree inventory and urban forestry

programs, and walk away with powerful tools to green your neighborhood.

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 10 am–12:30 pm (English)

Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 10 am–12:30 pm (español)

Learn more and RSVP [here](#).

Help the City of LA divest from fossil fuels

Two exciting motions have been introduced, and we would like to see them get passed! Please ask your NC to chime in. They are:

[19-1577](#) LACERS Investments/Climate Risk (Blumenfield/Bonin), [fact sheet](#)
[20-0492](#) City Insurance Policies/Fossil Fuel (Blumenfield/Bonin), [fact sheet](#)

Visit ncsa.la/energy for this information.

Also, the NCSA board signed onto a [letter](#) saying that we'd like the leaks at the Valley Generating Station stopped as soon as possible.

Organic landscaping pilot programs

The advocacy committee is pleased to report that motion [18-0788](#) (Koretz & O'Farrell/Blumenfield) in favor of organic landscaping pilot programs has passed. Now we need to make sure that the City will do what they said they would do! A petition is at actionnetwork.org/petitions/los-angeles-support-the-switch-to-organic-landscaping-citywide. Please consider signing and sharing.

Vehicle idling

Our advocacy committee would like to thank the NCs (Arroyo Seco, Arts District Little Tokyo, Encino, Greater Valley Glen, Los Feliz, Mar Vista, and Silver Lake) that have chimed in on the vehicle idling motion and remind others to please chime in as well! Visit ncsa.la/vehicle_idling to learn more.

October 7 is California Clean Air Day!

If you are interested, consider taking the [clean air pledge](#), which includes 19 activities that collectively help create clean air in our neighborhoods.

Small Revolutions: The History of Red Lining—Saturday, October 1

The neighborhood councils of Los Feliz, East Hollywood, and Silver Lake are hosting an event on the intersection of housing rights and redlining in east and central Los Angeles communities. Click [here](#) to learn more and to RSVP.

National Drive Electric Week

September 26 to October 4 is National Drive Electric Week! And our EV advisory and working group wants to help you take the plunge if you're thinking

about it but are hesitating or are not sure how to overcome particular barriers. Contact Lisa Hart at lisahart@ncsa.la if you want help!

Listening session on the future of our neighborhoods—Saturday afternoon, October 3

The NCSA and the Mayor’s office will be hosting a listening session about what we want our low-rise residential neighborhoods to look like and how they can integrate sustainable design while supporting community stability and affordability. This is one of several listening sessions that will inform a housing design competition as part of an effort to develop housing policy in low-rise neighborhoods in a way that will address the “missing middle” (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Missing_Middle_Housing) and reflect the hopes and concerns of residents about the future of their neighborhoods. This is an opportunity for all of us to create a vision together, rather than just fending off proposals from the State. Get the details and RSVP at ncsa.la/listening_session_on_the_future_of_our_neighborhoods.

Welcome!

And lastly, we want to welcome the Sylmar NC to the NCSA.

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