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The elections are fast approaching, and yet there is still a lot of other activity in LA. Read on!

**Discussion November 14 on implementing LA's Green New Deal and on a toolkit for NCs**

At this year's Congress of Neighborhoods, we launched the toolkit for neighborhood councils (NCs) (at [ncsa.la/resources\\_green\\_new\\_deal\\_toolkit](https://ncsa.la/resources_green_new_deal_toolkit)) to help you implement LA's Green New Deal at the local level. On Saturday, November 14 we'll discuss the toolkit and showcase NCs that are already doing something to foster sustainability. Learn more and register at [ncsa.la/nc\\_actions\\_to\\_implement\\_la\\_green\\_new\\_deal](https://ncsa.la/nc_actions_to_implement_la_green_new_deal). **If you would like to share what your NC is doing**, email Lisa Hart at [lisahart@ncsa.la](mailto:lisahart@ncsa.la).

**Tree inventory, lunch-and-learns, and tree removals**

The City has launched a long-awaited tree inventory! This will help the City develop an urban forest management plan. Check out the schedule and the tree inventories that have been completed to date at [streetsla.lacity.org/tree-inventory-schedule](https://streetsla.lacity.org/tree-inventory-schedule). Please note that if you want to know the condition of trees that have already been inventoried, you will need to make a public records request to [StreetsLA.UFDPermits@lacity.org](mailto:StreetsLA.UFDPermits@lacity.org). It will be helpful if you include *CPRA Request* in the subject line.

The Department of Public Works has launched a lunch-and-learn series with City Forest Officer Rachel Malarich. The next half-hour session will be held October 28, on data mapping and tools. More information is [here](#).

When there is a request to remove a street tree or protected tree, the Urban Forestry Division (UFD) sends the tree removal notice to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, who forwards the notice to all the board members of the NC where the tree is located. Because the current time frame for objection does not allow for board meeting consideration, **UFD now suggests having one or two board members appointed to look at the tree in question, consider whether the removal needs to be challenged, and be authorized to respond.** Objections from others would go to this ad hoc representative or committee. Contact Trees Committee Chair Joanne D'Antonio at [trees@ncsa.la](mailto:trees@ncsa.la) with questions or help objecting to a tree removal. Visit tree removal requests (updated weekly) at [ncsa.la/proposed tree removal listings](https://ncsa.la/proposed-tree-removal-listings).

### **Los Angeles starting to move away from fossil fuel at last?**

It's been a good few weeks on the energy front:

- [Mayor Garcetti pledged to divest the city's fossil fuel investments](#),
- the [International Energy Agency declared solar the cheapest energy in the world](#),
- LA's [Department of Water and Power \(LADWP\) signed a deal for enough cheap wind to power 280,000 homes](#),
- the [Los Angeles Times has come out in favor of all-electric buildings](#),
- the [governor called for a transition to zero-emission cars by 2035](#), and
- LADWP's [100% renewable energy study](#) is [starting to hint that the city needs a rapid buildout of wind and solar](#).

On top of all that, there are now city council motions to study divesting LA's municipal insurance and pension funds from fossil fuel investments. How can you help? **See [ncsa.la/submit a cis](https://ncsa.la/submit-a-cis) for fact sheets and template community impact statements (CISs) supporting those motions, and please consider bringing them up at your NC—we need your voices!** For more information, email Energy Committee Chair Dan Kegel at [energy@ncsa.la](mailto:energy@ncsa.la).

### **South Coast AQMD environmental justice conference WEDNESDAY**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is hosting its 6<sup>th</sup> annual

environmental justice conference Wednesday, October 28, from 8:00 am to noon. Learn more and register [here](#).

Please stay as safe and healthy as possible, consider authorizing board members to respond to tree removals, and submit those CISs, and we hope to see you Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup>!

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