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We have some momentum and seem to be on a roll! Read on to learn about recent wins and more.

#SkipTheStuff motion passed

The #SkipTheStuff motion ([Council File 21-0064](#)), which will require restaurants to provide disposable foodware accessories such as utensils and napkins only if requested, and which is supported by the Reusable LA coalition and the NCSA Advocacy Committee, was passed by the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee Thursday. We have many more steps ahead of us, but now is the time to let restaurants know that you don't expect this extra stuff, which costs restaurants money and ends up in our landfills. You can sign the petition [here](#).

Waste conversation and important meeting for our representatives Sunday, March 14

And, speaking of extra stuff, have you ever wondered whether or not you can recycle something? Unclear about what to do with food waste? Wondering if your choice in purchases can affect the recycling market? Wondering what to do with all that PPE (personal protective equipment)? We'll answer these questions (and more!) **Sunday, March 14 at 6:30 pm.**

And then **we'll want to hear from our member representatives** about a new approach to taking positions the NCSA board is proposing, which will involve our representatives regularly making decisions on behalf of their neighborhood councils (NCs). It is important that representatives attend so that you can weigh in and share the news with your respective NCs. Learn more and RSVP at ncsa.la/waste_positions_2021_03-14.

Leaf-blowing flier for gardeners

Since the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Green Committee's production of a flier about leaf blowing, Resilient Palisades has built upon that work to create a [bilingual flier for gardeners](#). Check it out!

And share with us the good work your NC is doing so that we can help get the word out!

The City will promote climate-friendly investments

The City Council passed a motion ([Council File 20-0492](#)) Wednesday, supported by the NCSA's Energy Committee, that will compel the City, when considering a bid from a company that wants to provide it insurance, to take into account that company's ties to fossil fuels. You can read more [here](#). Thank you to the [11 neighborhood councils](#) that supported the effort!

More results from the 100% Renewable Energy Study

The [LADWP 100% Renewable Energy Study](#) is coming to a close, and [more information](#) (along with [a focus on environmental justice](#)) was released this week. The big take-away: electrification could save the city about a billion dollars per year in health impacts, mostly due to mortality reductions from lower particulate matter 2.5 pollution, and more electrification is better.

Did you miss our February meeting on the study? You can check out the recording and slides [here](#). And read Jasmin Vargas's (of Food & Water Watch) take on the transition [here](#). (Note that the NCSA has not taken a position against cap-and-trade programs.)

In case you missed it...trees!

Did you miss our January meeting on trees and more? Click [here](#) to see the recording and slides.

Wondering how we're going to have enough water here in LA as the climate crisis worsens?

Check out the DWP's [2020 Urban Water Management Plan](#), and make a public comment!

Who To Call Guide

Wondering who to call when you need help addressing environmental concerns such as air quality, toxins, waste, and clean-up? The South Coast AQMD Inter-Agency Task Force (which the NCSA is represented on) has created the Who To Call Guide to serve as a resource so you can find the agency that can help. Check it out (it is in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) and spread the word!

Get paid to drive clean

Our next **electric vehicle (EV) workshop**, where you can learn about all the amazing incentives to help you drive an EV, will be Tuesday, March 23, from 6 to 7 pm. Sign up at ncsa.la/attend_an_ev_workshop to be notified when it is posted.

We wish you a healthy and safe March!

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