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**Join us to discuss wildlife corridors Sunday, May 16**

For the second year in a row, Mayor Garcetti's proposed budget cut the wildlife pilot study, which left several of us scratching our heads. Many people and organizations have objected, and the Budget and Finance Committee has proposed restoring some of the funding.

Andrew Lasken, Co-Director of the Citizens Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW), and a representatives from City Planning's wildlife pilot study staff will talk with us **Sunday, May 16 at 6:30 pm** about the effort and how neighborhood councils can support it. Learn more and RSVP at [ncsa.la/wildlife\\_corridors\\_2021\\_05-16](https://ncsa.la/wildlife_corridors_2021_05-16).

Also, Los Angeles is now officially the largest city in the country to be certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat! Learn more at [lacitysan.org/habitat](https://lacitysan.org/habitat).

In case you missed it, last month we talked with Marta Segura about the **new Climate Emergency Mobilization Office** and with Liliana Griego about the **LA River Master Plan**. You can see the recording at [ncsa.la/cemo\\_river\\_2021\\_04-11](https://ncsa.la/cemo_river_2021_04-11). And the public comment period on the master plan ends Thursday, May 13—visit [ncsa.la/advocacy\\_la\\_river](https://ncsa.la/advocacy_la_river) to learn more. We need to hear your voices!

**What to do about waste?**

City Council unanimously passed the [#SkipTheStuff ordinance](#), which will require restaurants to provide all that extra stuff only upon request. The same day, LA Sanitation & Environment general manager Enrique Zaldivar announced that **they are removing plastics numbered 3, 4, 6, and 7 from the blue-bin acceptance list because there is**

**no market for them!!!** It is past time to face the hard truth about what happens to our waste and think more about reusables.

For a quick, informative, and entertaining synopsis of our troubles with plastic, watch the animated short [The Story of Plastic](#).

### **Sidewalk Repair Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Update**

The City has prepared the Final EIR for the proposed Sidewalk Repair Program, which has huge implications for our trees. You can see it and learn about next steps at [safesidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-impact-report](https://safesidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-impact-report).

### **More on clean energy and air**

The STAND-LA effort to end oil drilling in our neighborhoods (via [Council File 17-0447](#)) is moving its way through city council committees. Approximately 40 neighborhood councils have submitted community impact statements, but if yours hasn't, or if you want to update it—the amended motion now asks to declare oil drilling a non-conforming use—please do so. And public comment during the meetings is always helpful! Along with many other organizations, the NCSA board signed a [letter](#) in support of phasing out oil and gas operations. Learn more at [nca.la/energy\\_oil\\_drilling](https://nca.la/energy_oil_drilling). The STAND-LA coalition is also asking the Budget and Finance Committee to support funding for these efforts.

Also, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power will host more meetings on the LA100 Study on getting to 100% renewable energy, which was released in March. Learn more at [ladwp.com/la100](https://ladwp.com/la100).

### **Vehicle Idling**

The City Council Transportation Committee unanimously passed a motion (Council File 19-0604, Koretz) in support of an education campaign about the dangers of vehicle idling. Stay tuned, and thank you to the [13 neighborhood councils that submitted community impact statements](#) and the members of our advocacy committee who made public comments at the meeting!

### **Noncompliant developers?**

Sometimes developers make commitments or agree to provide community benefits that are not realized, partly, it seems, because developers aren't always held accountable to

those agreements. So, our **working group on sustainability guidelines for developers** thought a centralized location to collect and log these problems might help foster transparency and ensure that communities receive what they expect. If you are aware of any such failures, please email Philip Ganchev at [developerconcerns@ncsa.la](mailto:developerconcerns@ncsa.la).

**Attend the Municipal Green Building Conference and Expo**

The U.S. Green Building Council Los Angeles's Annual Municipal Green Building Conference and Expo is just around the corner—Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22. Saturday—the Community Day—is **free!** Click [here](#) to learn more and to register.

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