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As we begin opening up and are reflecting on the anniversary of George Floyd's killing and looking at another City budget, we see that there is still so much work to be done. So please, read on!

Wildlife corridors are funded...enough for now

We had to work hard to ensure that work toward developing wildlife corridors would be continued. (Click [here](#) for the original council file.) Thanks in part to many of you, it will be! More funding was secured, and we have enough funding for now; we will need to keep pushing on this issue going forward (in part because some of the funding is from grants, and the necessary positions are not included in Planning's annual staffing budget). Going forward, we will also need to engage neighborhood councils across the rim of the valley. The recording of the meeting where we discussed wildlife corridors is at nca.la/wildlife_corridors_2021_05-16.

How to navigate the City budget—Sunday, June 13

After two rough years in a row regarding the budget, we will sit down with experts both inside and outside of the City to discuss how to better engage with the City on the budget. Join us Sunday, June 13 from 6:30 to 8:30! You can learn more and RSVP at nca.la/budget_2021_06-13.

Missing-middle housing ideas

Do you remember our listening session last October on the future of our neighborhoods? That session informed a design competition, the winners of which were recently

announced. Visit lowrise.la to learn more, and check out the coverage from [Slate](#) and the [LA Times](#).

Eagle Rock BRT passed another hurdle

The Eagle Rock Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system on Colorado Blvd was unanimously approved by Metro's Board of Directors. There are now two options being studied; the Refined F-1 option incorporates ideas promoted by Eagle Rock Forward and supported by the NCSA's transportation committee and representatives. You can learn more [here](#) and check out the recording of the meeting where we discussed the issue at ncsa.la/wildlife_corridors_2021_05-16.

Are you enthusiastic about sustainable transportation solutions? The **transportation committee** is **looking for a co-chair** to help set agenda items, engage speakers, and run meetings. If you're interested, email our chair, Nancy Matson, at nancyloum@gmail.com.

Vehicle idling motion passed city council

The vehicle idling motion, which was amended to be strictly educational, passed city council. THANK YOU again to the many neighborhood councils that made this happen. Now we await a report from the Department of Transportation (LADOT) on an educational program about the dangers of parked-vehicle idling—please stay tuned!

Our last EV workshop will be Wednesday, June 23rd!

The **East Hollywood Neighborhood Council** will co-host our next (and last!) EV workshop Wednesday, June 23 from 6 to 7:15 pm. The details aren't posted yet, but you can sign up at ncsa.la/attend_an_ev_workshop to be notified when they are.

Want to spark a climate revolution?

The San Fernando Valley chapter of The Climate Reality Project will host Peter Kalmus, climate scientist and author of *Being the Change: Live Well and Spark a Climate Revolution* Tuesday, June 8, at 7 pm. To join, you can register [here](#).

LABC Sustainability Summit Friday, June 11

The Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) will host its 15th Annual Sustainability Summit Friday, June 11. **We have two free tickets**, so if you are interested, email Lisa

at lisahart@ncsa.la. You can learn more and register at labusinesscouncil.org/events/sustainability-summit/.

Congratulations to Adel Hagekhalil!

Congratulations to Adel Hagekhalil, who was voted by the **Metropolitan Water District** (MWD) board to head the organization. One final vote is left, but we hope it is just a formality! He has been a progressive leader at the Bureau of Street Services, and we look forward to working with him in his new role. In case you want to make a public comment about his selection, you can do so at the MWD board meeting on **Tuesday, June 8, at noon**. The agenda and call-in details are [here](#).

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