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While the United Nations' Conference of the Parties (COP) 26 makes headlines across the globe, for many of us it is a reminder that there is so much work to do here at home—in our cities, neighborhoods, and households.

### **Monthly meeting**

And on that note, our monthly meeting is **THIS** Sunday, November 14, from 6:30 to 8:30. We will discuss ways to make the **holidays** less wasteful, vote regarding positions recommended by our **advocacy committee** on the **Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan** and the **LA Zoo**, and (briefly!!!) discuss our bylaws. Learn more and RSVP at [ncsa.la/low\\_waste\\_holidays\\_11\\_14\\_2021](https://ncsa.la/low_waste_holidays_11_14_2021).

### **And more from the advocacy committee**

If you missed last month's super-informative training (with **Dan Kegel**, **Josh Nuni**, and **Rita Moreno**) on how to effectively advocate as a neighborhood council to the City, check out the recording and slides at [ncsa.la/advocacy\\_training\\_10\\_10\\_2021](https://ncsa.la/advocacy_training_10_10_2021).

And as a reminder, phase one of the **foodware accessories ordinance** goes into effect this coming Monday, the 15th! Restaurants with more than 26 employees should no longer be offering you all that extra stuff—**#SkipTheStuff!** Learn more [here](#).

### **LA is a Cool City Challenge winner!**

With your help, Los Angeles has been selected as one of three Cool City Challenge winners that will be awarded \$1 million, in addition to support for the Cool Blocks program and other efforts to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Irvine and Petaluma are the other winning cities. City council passed a motion asking **each neighborhood**

**council to provide 2 Cool Block leaders**, and we will continue recruiting even after we begin working with the first cohort in January, so please continue to spread the word!

### **Peer-to-peer car-sharing and electric vehicle access**

The **transportation committee's** proposal to study **car-sharing** was accepted by a group of students in the **UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs** for their Applied Policy Project capstone. Thank you to everyone on the committee who has worked on this and to **Sheryl Thurston Rosenbaum** for writing the proposal and leading the effort! Our goal is to promote peer-to-peer car-sharing to increase equity, increase electric vehicle access, and decrease pollution exposure in low-income communities.

### **Moving toward 100% renewable energy**

In case you missed our discussion at the **Congress of Neighborhoods** (with **Alex Jasset, Loraine Lundquist, Ashkan Nassiri, Fred Pickel, and Sammy Roth**) about how we can get to 100% **renewable energy**, you can check it out [here](#).

The **Department of Water and Power's Strategic Long-Term Resource Plan Advisory Group** has been convened to review the steps needed to get us to 100% renewable energy. Our two representatives in the group, **energy committee chair Dan Kegel** and energy committee member **Ravi Sankaran**, will keep us posted!

### **Some steps forward, some steps back...**

- The [California Public Utilities Commission voted unanimously to increase the amount of gas stored at the Aliso Canyon facility](#) after years of efforts to shut it down. How is it that we are going in the wrong direction?
- The City of LA is launching its **basic income pilot!** Learn more at [bigleap.lacity.org](http://bigleap.lacity.org).
- Following the 2020 census, we have gone through a grueling **redistricting** effort that is wrapping up. Click [here](#) for the latest proposal.
- The [California legislature passed a law facilitating the end of gas-powered leaf blowers](#), likely leading to a collective sigh of relief across the entire

neighborhood council system. We have a long way to go, but this is a big step in the right direction.

**Should nature have rights? Can nature have rights?**

The Climate Reality San Fernando Valley Chapter is hosting an event **TONIGHT** on a movement to confer rights to nature. Learn more and RSVP at [sfvclimatereality.org](http://sfvclimatereality.org).

**Welcome!**

And lastly, we welcome the **Chatsworth Neighborhood Council** to the NCSA!

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