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As the war in Ukraine highlights the role of oil in our lives, we have one more reason to use a lot less of it! Read on to learn more about how you can get involved.

**Democracy vouchers—could they help get money out of politics?**

Mike Draskovic and Tom Latkowski, both with [Los Angeles for Democracy Vouchers](#), will join us **this Sunday, March 13, at 6:30** to share a provocative proposal that has been tested in Seattle and that might help create a level playing field for candidates and engage more stakeholders in the political process. Learn more about the idea, what vouchers could mean for sustainability, and how we might bring them to LA.

We'll also discuss two new and exciting motions on **building decarbonization**.

RSVP at [ncsa.la/democracy\\_vouchers\\_03-13\\_2022](https://ncsa.la/democracy_vouchers_03-13_2022).

**Climate Equity LA Series**

And, speaking of **building decarbonization**, the Climate Equity LA series will focus on the issue the next 3 Thursdays this month. Join us for the conversation! In case you missed the launch of the series, you can see the recording [here](#). The next meeting is **THIS Thursday, March 10, from 6 to 8 pm**. Learn more about the series and register [here](#).

**EV charging in multi-family buildings**

Are you thinking about getting an electric vehicle (EV), but not sure how you'll charge it because you live in an apartment or condo? Did you miss the **Palms Neighborhood Council** Green Committee's seminar on *EV Chargers for Small Multi-Family Residential Homes in Los Angeles*? Check out the recording [here](#).

## **Organics**

Last month, we talked with **LA Sanitation & Environment** (LASAN) about organics. You can check out the slides and the recording at [ncsa.la/organics\\_02-27\\_2022](https://www.ncsa.la/organics_02-27_2022). We did not have time to get to everything, so to learn more about how to manage food waste, check out the NC Green New Deal toolkit and the [action guide on food waste](#).

*And if you and your NC might be interested in working with the Mayor's Office to get the word out about this toolkit (at [https://www.ncsa.la/resources\\_green\\_new\\_deal\\_toolkit](https://www.ncsa.la/resources_green_new_deal_toolkit)) with this action guide in honor of Earth Day, let Lisa know at [lisahart@ncsa.la](mailto:lisahart@ncsa.la), and she will connect you to them!*

LASAN composting workshops are back! Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up.

And in case you are concerned or curious about those biodigesters the City uses to convert our organic waste into biogas, our energy committee will take up the question. Join us! Get the meeting details at [ncsa.la/energy](https://www.ncsa.la/energy).

## **Healthy Streets LA**

Also last month, the NCSA voted to support the Healthy Streets LA effort. Learn more and learn what you and your NC can do at [ncsa.la/submit\\_a\\_cis](https://www.ncsa.la/submit_a_cis).

## **Cool Blocks are up and running!**

Our second group of Cool Block leaders will be trained this month! And if you want to learn more about the program, visit [ncsa.la/cool\\_blocks\\_la](https://www.ncsa.la/cool_blocks_la). If you want to attend a meeting to learn more, sign up for a Cool Block café! Our next one will be [April 13](#). And you can sign up to be a Cool Block leader [here](#).

## **Updated landscape ordinance—feedback session Sunday, April 3 from 6 to 7:30 pm**

City Planning is beginning the process of updating the city's landscape ordinance. The update is designed to advance many of LA's Green New Deal objectives and to refocus the intent of the landscape ordinance to more holistically address buildings, site planning, vehicle-miles travelled, and biodiversity, as they are all part of one system. You can learn more [here](#). If you want to share your thoughts on the structure and

approach, please join the NCSA advocacy committee at our next meeting on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6 to 7:30 pm. Get the Zoom details at [ncsa.la/advocacy](https://ncsa.la/advocacy).

### **Environmental justice coaching**

[The Climate Mobilization](#), a nationwide network, is offering coaching for people active within the NCSA who want additional support in environmental justice work. Here are their [racial justice criteria](#). If you are interested in being paired with a coach, please contact Lisa at [lisahart@ncsa.la](mailto:lisahart@ncsa.la).

### **LA Eco-Village Talent Show**

The LA Eco-Village is hosting a talent show this Saturday! Learn more and RSVP [here](#).

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