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The elections are fast approaching, policies are being developed, and grassroots efforts to reduce our emissions are growing! Read on to learn more.

Sunday, September 11—Talk with Kenneth Mejia, and more

Join us THIS SUNDAY, September 11, to talk with city controller candidate **Kenneth Mejia** about the role of controller and how a controller might help us become a sustainable city.

We will also talk about the **LA Zoo** (see below), the draft **oil-drilling** ordinance (see below), and the **Olympics!** Learn more and **RSVP** at nca.la/kenneth_mejia_2022_09-11.

For a recording of last month's meeting, when we heard from candidates for Council District 13 and discussed the [draft wildlife ordinance](#), visit nca.la/cd_13_candidates_2022_08_14.

LA Zoo Alternative 1.5

Last year, our NCSA representatives voted to oppose the LA Zoo's proposed expansion project and support one of the alternatives. (Learn more at nca.la/advocacy_la_zoo_expansion.) We learned late July that the zoo had proposed a new alternative in response to feedback, and that we had until August 29 to weigh in—a tight timeline! After talking with several representatives of both **Friends of Griffith Park** and the **LA Zoo**, we decided that more conversation might bring opposing perspectives closer together. And then we learned that we had an extension, to **5 pm September 23!** There will also be another public meeting Monday, **September 12** at 6 pm—eng.lacity.org/about-

[us/divisions/environmental-management/projects/los-angeles-zoo-vision-plan](https://www.us/divisions/environmental-management/projects/los-angeles-zoo-vision-plan).

We will discuss how to proceed at our Sunday meeting!

Draft oil-drilling ordinance!!!!

The NCSA has long been a supporter of [STAND-LA](#)'s efforts to eliminate neighborhood oil drilling, and we are finally able to share that there is a draft ordinance to make [oil drilling a non-conforming land use](#). You can learn more at ncsa.la/energy_oil_drilling and planning.lacity.org/oil-and-gas-drilling-ordinance—we will discuss at our Sunday meeting.

The Ask Sean Show—Live Better Electrically!

We at **Cool LA** are partnering with Cool Irvine and Cool Petaluma to help our **Cool Blocks** (and you, whether you are or are not on a Cool Block) **electrify your homes**. If you're a homeowner looking to transition to lower-cost, more efficient, climate-friendlier appliances, this is for you! Join Redwood Energy, the San Fernando Valley and Orange County chapters of the Climate Reality Project, and us to learn how one of our **Cool Block leaders** is electrifying her home and to learn what you can do with yours. RSVP at coolirvine.com/events.

Cool Blocks at the Congress of Neighborhoods!

We are working toward [carbon neutrality as a city by 2030](#), and **Cool Blocks** can help us get there. Join us (virtually) at the annual Congress of Neighborhoods **Saturday, September 24** from 12:40 to 1:25 to hear about our vision and to hear directly from **Cool Block leaders**. You can register and check out all the other interesting workshops to be held that day at neighborhoodcongress.la.

Tired of those gas-powered leaf blowers? Read on!

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Green Committee is convening neighborhood councils and city council offices to help get the word out about **electric leaf blowers**. There will be a virtual workshop about electric leaf blowers Tuesday, **September 27th** and an in-person demonstration Tuesday, **October 4th**. Join us, and spread the word! silverlakenc.org/post/make-the-switch-to-electric-leaf-blowers

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