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There will be several important elections this fall in the city, and we will continue to host conversations with candidates.

# Sunday, August 14—CD 13 candidate forum, draft wildlife ordinance, and the LA Zoo

Join us SUNDAY, August 14 at 6:30 pm to hear Council District 13 Councilmember **Mitch O'Farrell** and **Hugo Soto-Martinez**, contender for the seat, answer your questions about how they will address sustainability if elected (or reelected).

We will also continue the conversation about the draft wildlife ordinance (see our <u>YouTube channel for a recording of the June conversation</u>) and discuss a new proposal from the LA Zoo. Learn more and RSVP at ncsa.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 <a href="mailto:ncsa.la/advocacy\_la\_zoo\_expansion">ncsa.la/advocacy\_la\_zoo\_expansion</a>.) We recently learned (thank you, Mayor's Office!) that the zoo has proposed a new alternative in response to feedback, and that we have until 5 pm August 29 to respond! We will do our best to weigh in. Join us at our Sunday advocacy committee meeting (details at <a href="mailto:ncsa.la/advocacy">ncsa.la/advocacy</a>) and at our August 14 meeting to discuss. There will also be a public meeting Monday, August 15 at 6 pm.

# **Cool Blocks**

We launched a new group of Cool Block leaders in July, and some of our first Cool Block leaders are wrapping up! We are seeing the **cumulative impact** of so many households and neighborhoods taking action to reduce their carbon footprint, and we are excited about the future. If you're interested, learn more at ncsa.la/cool\_blocks\_la.

#### LA River Master Plan

The LA County Board of Supervisors voted June 14 to support the LA River Master Plan, which many member organizations of the plan's own steering committee opposed, and which the NCSA also opposed. **LA Waterkeeper** and the **Center for Biological Diversity** quickly followed with a lawsuit. Learn more at <a href="mailto:ncsa.la/advocacy\_la\_river">ncsa.la/advocacy\_la\_river</a>, and stay tuned!

### Welcome

Lastly, we want to welcome the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council to the NCSA!

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