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VOTE VOTE VOTE!

The past few years have reminded us how much work democracy requires and that we should not take it for granted. **Please vote by November 8.**

Call for resignations

Our NCSA representatives voted without opposition to call for the resignations of **Nury Martinez**, **Kevin de León**, and **Gil Cedillo** shortly after the news of their [recorded conversation](#) broke. You can view our statement [here](#).

As part of the fall-out, It looks like we will move to an independent redistricting commission, and enlarging the city council is also on the table, among other **charter reforms**. Stay tuned (and read on)!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12—tour, IN-PERSON OUTDOOR gathering, and habitat maintenance

For the first time since January 2020, we invite you to join us IN PERSON. We will meet **Saturday, November 12 from 1 to 4 outside** at the **Westwood Neighborhood Greenway** in the **Westside Neighborhood Council** area. NCSA (and [Westwood Greenway](#)) board member Charles Miller will give us a **tour**, and we'll talk about how this stretch of **urban habitat** has impact in the areas of **biodiversity, energy, water, waste, pollution, transit**, and our local identity. We will also discuss this effort as a possible model for **neighborhood councils** and **our own yards**. Then we will talk about the **elections** that will have just taken place and the fall-out from the [Nury Martinez, Kevin de León, Gil Cedillo, and Ron Herrera recording](#). How do we move forward as both a city and a community? What **reforms** should we

be involved with, and how might they affect us? And lastly, we will invite you to **support biodiversity by clearing out invasive non-native plants at the greenway**. Learn more and RSVP at ncsa.la/westwood_greenway_2022_11-12.

Last month (the day the news of the recording broke!), we hosted a conversation about **Council District 15** with California State Assembly District 65 candidate **Fatima Iqbal-Zubair** (whose district would include most of CD 15). City council candidate **Danielle Sandoval** had accepted our invitation, but left before speaking, so people who had a history of working with her through the neighborhood council system shared their thoughts on the candidates. We also talked with [Los Angeles for Democracy Vouchers](#) about campaign finance reform and the democracy-voucher model, which would also involve an **amendment to the city charter**. You can view the recording on our YouTube channel [here](#).

Wildlife ordinance

A [revised draft wildlife ordinance](#) has been released. Our **advocacy committee** has not discussed it yet, but it has been **significantly weakened** (check out [this summary of the changes](#)); this is not what the NCSA supported. You can join our advocacy committee **this Sunday at 6 pm** to discuss this further (ncsa.la/advocacy) and learn more about next steps at ncsa.la/wildlife_ordinance.

What is wrong with artificial turf?

With the deepening drought, **artificial turf** is proliferating, and that is **NOT** good. Want to learn more? Attend **Nature-Based Solutions: A Symposium on the Impacts of Artificial Turf, Native Plants, and Water Conservation** this Sunday, **November 6 at 4 pm** (virtual and in-person). You can learn more and register [here](#).

Leaf-blowers

In case you missed it, you can check out the presentation hosted by the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Green Committee and many others on the transition to **electric leaf-blowers** [here](#).

Green holidays

To help make your holidays as sustainable as possible, you can check out simplifytheholidays.org (from the **Center for Biological Diversity**) for inspiration.

Welcome

We welcome the **Harbor City Neighborhood Council** to the NCSA!

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