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Happy new year! We have new city leadership in 2023, potential reforms on the horizon, and a lot to do! Read on to learn more.

Livable Communities Initiative Sunday, January 8

Join us this **Sunday, January 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm** to discuss the [Livable Communities Initiative](#), built on a vision to address housing, transportation, and the climate crisis together. Learn more and RSVP at ncsa.la/lci_2023_01-08.

Looking back and looking ahead

Last month, we discussed the NCSA's achievements, lessons learned, what worked and didn't in 2022, and goals for 2023. See what we came up with [here](#). In addition to this list, we heard from many neighborhood councils about what they had accomplished in 2022 in the realm of sustainability.

More housing!?

On a related note, **Abundant Housing LA** is scheduled to present at our advocacy committee meeting **Sunday, January 15** from 6 to 7:30 pm. We hope to explore ways we might support each other's efforts. Information about how to join is at ncsa.la/advocacy.

New-building decarbonization ordinance passed!

On December 7, city council passed an [ordinance](#) (in [Council File 22-0151](#)) requiring most new buildings to be fully electrified, effective later in 2023. Since buildings represent nearly half of the greenhouse gas emissions in Los Angeles,

and since gas appliances contribute to indoor air pollution, this is **super** important. Next up (and a lot harder), **existing buildings!!!!**

Just transitions as we phase out oil-drilling

The NCSA has a seat on the **LA County-City Just Transition Task Force**, created by the County and City of Los Angeles to facilitate a just transition for oil-extraction workers who are negatively affected by the phase-out of oil drilling and also to facilitate the remediation of closed oil-well sites with input from frontline communities. You can read the full report and recommendations, which were released in December, at cso.lacounty.gov/the-plan/cso-current-initiatives. The task force will continue to meet in order to monitor progress.

New addition to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners

Congratulations to **Nurit Katz**, who has joined the Board of Water and Power Commissioners. Learn more at [.ladwpnews.com/mayor-garcetti-appoints-academic-and-ucla-chief-sustainability-officer-nurit-katz-to-board-of-water-and-power-commissioners](https://ladwpnews.com/mayor-garcetti-appoints-academic-and-ucla-chief-sustainability-officer-nurit-katz-to-board-of-water-and-power-commissioners). We look forward to working with her!!

Update on the wildlife ordinance

In December, the City Planning Commission recommended minor modifications to the significantly-weakened draft wildlife ordinance. The next step is for a final version to be approved by city council. It is not too late to submit a community impact statement asking for a stronger ordinance!! Learn more at ncsa.la/wildlife_ordinance.

Biodiversity agreement reached at COP15

As part of the **California Global Biodiversity Working Group**, a delegation from the NCSA participated in the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, reaching a global agreement that furthers our efforts, if not quickly enough. Learn more at latimes.com/world-nation/story/2022-12-19/historic-biodiversity-agreement-un-conference-montreal.

You can see the framework [here](#).

Protect our biodiversity

LA Sanitation & Environment has some suggestions for what we as residents can do to **protect biodiversity** locally [here](#). Check them out!

Good-bye, P-22

We were so sad to learn that **P-22** had died. He was such a symbol of the potential for us to live in harmony with nature and the challenges faced (by us and by the wildlife) in the effort. A great obituary is at latimes.com/california/story/2022-12-17/p22-obituary-celebrity-mountain-lion-cougar-puma-griffith-park-california. The National Wildlife Federation is planning to host a celebration of life **Saturday, February 4**. Learn more at lagreektheatre.com/events/detail/p-22-celebration-of-life.

Thinking about running for a seat on your neighborhood council?

Election season is starting! Learn more [here](#).

Native-plant fair in Tarzana

The **Tarzana Neighborhood Council** is co-hosting a native-plant fair January 15. Learn more at mytarzana.org.

We want to thank all of our outgoing city leaders who worked with us to make Los Angeles a more equitable and sustainable place!

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