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Our city council continues to struggle with allegations of corruption. ([The latest accused is Curren Price](#) of Council District 9.)

On a very related note, congratulations to Imelda Padilla, who has [taken Nury Martinez's seat](#) in Council District 6.

Read on and join us THIS Sunday for a very related conversation!

**How many city councilmembers should we have? JOIN US THIS SUNDAY**

Staying on the topic of the fallout from last fall's leaked recording and allegations of corruption, we as a city are in the process of deciding **how many city council members** we should have. Join us for a robust conversation with experts on the subject THIS SUNDAY at 6:30 pm.

We will also discuss with members of our [energy committee](#) how to best support the **Vista Hermosa** community in **Echo Park**, which has A LOT of orphaned **oil wells**.

**Learn more and RSVP at** [ncsa.la/council\\_size\\_07-09\\_2023](https://ncsa.la/council_size_07-09_2023).

Last month **Nancy Sutley**, our newly-appointed deputy mayor for energy and sustainability, joined us for a conversation about her role and Mayor Bass's agenda regarding sustainability. Our representatives also voted to support 1) neighborhood council autonomy regarding virtual vs in-person

meetings, 2) [revisions to the municipal lobbying ordinance](#), and 3) City Planning's letter of determination regarding the Murphy oil-drilling site.

A **recording** of the meeting is available on the event page and on our YouTube channel [here](#).

### **Congratulations to Jamie York!**

**Reseda Neighborhood Council** secretary [Jamie York has been nominated to the Ethics Commission by City Controller Kenneth Mejia](#) for her work with neighborhood councils and beyond on revising the municipal lobbying ordinance. Congratulations!!!!

### **LA's extreme heat campaign has launched!**

Keep your eyes peeled for social media posts about how to manage **extreme heat**. You can learn more (and engage) [here](#).

### **For homeowners—monitor your water usage**

Do you happen to be a homeowner, and would you like to have a better sense of your water usage? Check out [Flume](#) through LADWP—we're hearing great things.

### **Metro Regional Connector opens!**

Three new rail stations opened in June, creating the [Metro Regional Connector](#) and making it much easier to get through downtown via Metro. Yay!

### **People St.**

Thank you to Lionel Mares of the **Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council** for reminding our [transportation committee](#) that the LA Department of Transportation offers interesting programs that neighborhood councils can get involved with, including [People St](#). Check it out!

### **A strong wildlife ordinance was passed out of committee!**

A **robust wildlife ordinance** was passed by the PLUM committee!!! Join our [advocacy committee](#) (July 16) to discuss next steps. We want to thank Councilmembers **Raman**, **Yaroslavsky**, and **Harris-Dawson**, as well as former Councilmember **Koretz** and his staff members **Ali Simard** and **Andy Shrader**,

in addition to Mayor Garcetti's Chief Sustainability Officer **Lauren Faber O'Connor** and many people in **City Planning**.

Want to know who the opposition is? Check out the bottom of our [webpage](#), and see if you can find the thread that runs through all of the communications we captured.

### **Not-so-good news on the LA Zoo front...**

The LA Zoo Alternative 1.5 ([which we opposed](#)) was passed by the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee. We will also discuss this at our [advocacy committee](#) meeting on July 16.

### **But good news on the public banking front!**

The Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to allocate \$460,000 to fund the first phase of a public bank plan that would empower communities and support projects driven by public interest. Learn more [here](#).

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