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Join us Sunday, January 21 for TWO (sort of) candidate forums and a discussion about how you ended up with a GAS STOVE and what you can do about it!

We haven't heard from **Councilmember Heather Hutt** (??), but all other candidates for **Council District 10** will join us for our candidate forum Sunday, January 21 at 6:30.

We will then have a conversation about how we ended up in 2024 with **gas stoves** when the gas industry has known for decades that they are bad for us, and what we can do about it!

We will wrap up with a conversation with **Serena Oberstein**, candidate for Council District 12. (The campaign for **John Lee** declined to participate.) Learn more and RSVP at ncsa.la/cds_10_12_forums_gas_stoves.

Last month, we visited the surprising [Kuruvungna Village Springs](#). To see some stunning photos taken by LANCSA board member **Alex Tangalos**, check out our [Instagram](#) post.

What's wrong with your perfectly drought-tolerant Southern California landscaping?

In case you missed it, LANCSA board member **Charles Miller** wrote a provocative op-ed for the Los Angeles Times: latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-12-24/los-angeles-southern-california-native-plants-drought-water-use-landscaping-gardening.

More on the size of our city council

Remember [our forum on how large our city council should be](#)? It seems that City

Council would be well-served to watch it. As silly as this sounds, we hosted it last summer because we thought that things could be moving quickly! Now, more than one year after the release of [the LA Fed recording](#), which has increased the demand for reform, and after protracted and sometimes (sorry!) painful-to-listen-to conversations within City Council's **Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform**, City Council is belatedly considering kicking the question over to a commission:

[latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-12-04/editorial-are-l-a-leaders-trying-to-sabotage-city-hall-reform#](https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2023-12-04/editorial-are-l-a-leaders-trying-to-sabotage-city-hall-reform#).

Capital Infrastructure Plan

In December we voted to support [Investing in Place](#)'s effort to help our city create a capital infrastructure plan (which other large cities have) based on [nine principles](#) that should help us build our city in a more transparent, inclusive, and equitable fashion, with one additional principle to include [nature-based solutions](#). We submitted our [letter](#) (written by our [advocacy committee](#)) to [Council File 23-0919](#), and are in strong support of such a plan, which is long overdue.

Draft Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan

The LANCSA voted to support [this comment letter](#) written by members of our [advocacy committee](#) in response to the Draft Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan, which you can find at ncsa.la/sepulveda_basin. Our primary concern is that it was not clear to stakeholders exactly what they were supporting, and that we would not be getting the [river naturalization](#) and [floodplain restoration](#) benefits that people are expecting.

Healthy Streets LA on the March ballot!

Soon (if you are a registered voter in the city of LA) you will have the opportunity to weigh in on the [Healthy Streets LA initiative](#), which the LANCSA voted to support upon the recommendation of our transportation committee, and which is designed to [make our streets safer](#). In case you want to learn more and get any questions answered, you can join our next [transportation committee](#) meeting

Thursday, February 1 at 7 pm and hear from Michael Schneider of [Streets for All](#), the organization behind the initiative.

Is a gondola the answer to the Dodgers traffic?

We ultimately decided it is not, for a variety of reasons. You can read our letter at [ncsa.la/dodger_stadium_gondola](https://www.ncsa.la/dodger_stadium_gondola). The Metro [Planning and Programming Committee](#) is scheduled to hear the issue Wednesday, January 17 at 1 pm, and we will ask everyone who can to come out and make a public comment in case we can resolve the issue then. If not, the Metro Board will be scheduled to vote on the issue Thursday, January 25 at 10 am, and we will ask everyone to come out and make a public comment at that time. You can learn more at boardagendas.metro.net.

Funding for small restaurants

Small restaurants in LA should check out the [Reusable Foodware Microgrant](#) from LASAN to help all of us transition away from **single-use plastics**. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and contingent on funding availability.

Remembering Claire Cannon

Claire Cannon of the **Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council**, who also worked at the [Eviction Defense Network](#), has died. She was a friend to the LANCSA, and will be missed.

We welcome the Brentwood Community Council to the LANCSA!

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