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The **ICE raids** appear to have slowed while [their legality is disputed in court](#). In the meantime we want to share these resources:

lapl.org/newamericans/knowyourrights

aclu.org/know-your-rights/immigrants-rights

And we continue to work toward a more sustainable city. Read on to learn more.

SB 79 Forum Sunday, August 10

Join us on **Sunday, August 10th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm** for a panel discussion on **SB 79**, a proposed California bill that would upzone areas near public **transit**. We'll explore what the bill would do and how it could support **sustainability** through **transit-oriented development**. We'll also discuss concerns about **equity**, **displacement**, and community impact. This is a chance to listen, ask questions, and share your thoughts about how California can grow more equitably and sustainably. Learn more and **RSVP** using this link: ncsa.la/sb_79_08-10_2025.

On a related note, Governor Newsom just issued an executive order exempting the Palisades burn area from [SB 9](#), a law that allows single-family lots to be split in two. Read [here](#) and [here](#) to learn more.

Last month, we supported **biodiversity** at the [Westwood Greenway](#) with the [Surfrider Foundation](#). We learned about this special place and helped remove invasive non-native plants. Check out some pics on our Instagram [here](#).

Want to learn more about Zone 0 and defensible space?

Check out [this talk](#) about what is being proposed by [CAL FIRE](#) for Very High

Fire Hazard Severity Zones given by [Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council](#) President Dr Travis Longcore and sponsored by the [Los Angeles Audubon Society](#).

Don't miss out on huge incentives for electric vehicles!

If you've been thinking about getting an **electric vehicle** (and even if you haven't), now might be the time. HUGE incentives (including a \$7,500 federal tax credit for new vehicles and \$4,000 for used vehicles) are going away as of September 30, due to [Trump's Big Beautiful Bill](#). Learn more about incentives (including a rebate of \$1,500 to \$4,000 from LADWP for a used vehicle) [here](#).

Access to charging is a barrier to electric vehicle adoption

More news is coming out about the fact that access to charging is making it hard to have **electric vehicles** in some parts of the city. Check out [this article](#) to learn more about how the **charging gap** affects disadvantaged areas.

Want to help lead a committee?

We are looking for **committee co-chairs** for our [energy committee](#), our newly-renamed [transportation and land use committee](#), and our [advocacy committee](#) (a catch-all committee for topics not covered by our other committees). We are looking for people who are **passionate** about these issues, willing to get well versed in them (if not already), and who have some **time** to devote. If you are interested or even just **curious**, please contact:

- for **energy**, AJ Waters at awaters926@gmail.com
- for **transportation and land use**, Muriel Nacar at murielnacar@gmail.com
- for **advocacy**, Lisa Hart at lisahart@ncsa.la

Trump's EPA wants to rescind the "endangerment finding"

The Trump administration recently announced plans to [rescind](#) the "[endangerment finding](#)"—the federal government's 2009 conclusion that **greenhouse gases** harm people's health. This finding is what gave the government legal authority to handle the climate crisis under the **Clean Air Act**. Repealing it would result in a huge loss of the **EPA's regulatory authority** and

significantly weaken existing and future regulations aimed at reducing **emissions** from vehicles, power plants, and other sources. Read [this article](#) to learn more about the possible effects and the legal battle ahead.

Curious about climate risks to a particular property?

Check out this handy (if not always very cheerful) tool and plug in the address: climatecheck.com.

Six city councilmembers chip in for a public bank

Six City Councilmembers (**Hernandez, Blumenfield, Raman, Price, Soto-Martínez, and Jurado**) have now each chipped in \$15,000 of their discretionary funds toward a feasibility study of a **public bank**. If all of the 15 councilmembers do that, we get to half of the \$450,000 cost. The original council file ([Council File 19-1235](#)) has expired, so we ask you to please submit a new **community impact statement** to [Council File 19-1235-S1](#). Click [here](#) for a glimpse of how a public bank could facilitate investment in **clean energy** and **housing**.

Charter reform

The [Charter Reform Commission](#) heard from [Investing in Place](#) Wednesday about a **capital infrastructure plan** that [we support](#). Learn more [here](#). The Charter Reform Commission will also hear a presentation from [Fair Rep LA](#) on the benefits of a **larger city council** and related issues at the **Saturday, August 9 at 10 am** meeting in **Encino**. Learn more [here](#).

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