

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE

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While President Trump appears to be doing everything in his power to dismantle democracy, as evidenced by, to name a couple examples among so many, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr's open threat to the media regarding LA's very own Jimmy Kimmel and the indictment of former FBI director James Comey, the poem [First They Came](#) comes to mind.

And in September, the Supreme Court [lifted the restraining order](#) stating that factors such as race, language, accent, or job site could not be used for ICE raids. So we continue to share these resources:

aclu.org/know-your-rights/stopped-by-police

ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas#item-4476.

And we honor [Jane Goodall](#), who died Wednesday.

Public Bank LA Sunday, October 12

The Sustainability Alliance has long been a supporter of the public bank effort, which is gaining legs and councilmember support! Come join us Sunday, October 12 to learn how a public bank in Los Angeles could help our [sustainability](#) efforts and what we need to do to bring one here. Learn more and RSVP at nca.la/public_bank_la_10-12_2025.

This past Saturday, we were at the [Congress of Neighborhoods](#), where we had wonderful conversations with many of you, and where we hosted a workshop with [LA Sanitation & Environment](#) on how to host a [zero-waste](#) workshop. We want to share a slightly out-of date (pre-[SB 1385](#)) but still handy [resource](#) that we put together with former **Mayor Garcetti's** office on the same topic. Also, for

the first time, the Congress of Neighborhoods had a dedicated sustainability coordinator from our board—Aurora Corona, who made a sincere and visible effort to reduce waste and **single-use plastics** throughout the event. While it wasn't a zero-waste gathering, this step reflects a growing commitment to environmental responsibility and sets a foundation for deeper sustainability practices in future Congress events.

More on the budget

The good news is that we learned from **Mayor Bass** that no civil service jobs were lost to close the budget gap, after all. The bad news is that due to so much shuffling around of people (including to proprietary departments such as [LADWP](#) that have separate revenue sources and budgets), services will still be lost. Another big wrinkle in the budget going forward is the expansion of the LA Convention Center, supported by City Council with an 11–2 vote. (**Councilmembers Raman** and **Yaroslavsky** opposed.) You can listen to [the conversation, starting at about 1:22:00](#). And [this interview from Torched](#) is particularly revealing. This while we learned that [LA Sanitation & Environment](#)'s **biodiversity program** was not funded for this year. (Payments for the convention center will begin in 2028.)

Artificial turf fight gaining momentum

Momentum is building behind the **artificial turf** discussion in the city, and our efforts got some press in the [LA Times](#) and [LAist](#). You can join our [advocacy committee](#) to get involved.

Zone 0

The [Zone 0](#) conversation came down to LA (literally) recently, with a decision by the [Board of Forestry and Fire Protection](#) slated by the end of the year, and members of our network were quoted in [this LA Times piece](#). You can join our [trees committee](#) to learn more.

Burning plastic is bad, so building with plastic is risky

One of the painful reminders from this year's fires is the dangers of having plastic and other petroleum-based products in our homes and the impact they have on surrounding communities in the event of a fire.

This [resource](#) from [Plastic Pollution Coalition](#) spells out safer alternatives to **plastic building materials**.

Sustainability Guidelines for Developers refresh

We have a new, condensed version of our [sustainability guidelines](#) for developers—you can check them out at [nca.la/sustainability_guidelines_for_developers](#). We want to thank our sustainability policy and communications interns Anders Johnson, Chenyao Liu, and Isabel Stice, who compiled this document.

Lawn to Habitat applications open!

After a successful Lawn to Habitat project in [Leimert Park](#) with our many volunteers and partner organizations and a [second one in Palms](#), we want to do it again! If you live in, own, or are otherwise connected to a multi-family residential property in the city of Los Angeles with a grass lawn and would like to see it converted to a [100% California-native plant yard with water capture features](#), this could be your opportunity. Visit [nca.la/lawn_to_habitat_call](#) to learn more, and please spread the word! The application deadline is **November 15**.

Get rid of your gas-powered leaf blowers for electric ones!

South Coast AQMD wants to help you make the transition from **gas-powered** to [electric yard equipment](#). For residences, learn more [here](#), and for businesses, learn more [here](#).

Want to electrify your home? The Go Zero electrification incentive program has launched

The Inflation Reduction Act incentives for electrifying homes have closed, but the South Coast AQMD's [Go Zero electrification incentive program](#) has launched—be sure to check it out! Join our [energy committee](#) to get more involved with electrification efforts.

Tomorrow, Together Saturday, November 1

We are partnering with **LA Climate Week** to bring you *Tomorrow, Together*, a

unique opportunity for us to collaborate on **climate solutions** to be held at the **Ebell of Los Angeles** Saturday, November 1. Learn more and RSVP [here](#).

Congratulations!

We want to congratulate our [Youth Environmental Action Council](#) chair Jerry Yang, who has been named LAUSD student board member! To participate in the council, visit [ncsa.la/youth](https://www.ncsa.la/youth).

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